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OF

Royal and Select Masters

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AT ITS

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DECEMBER 12th, A. D. 1870, A. S. DEP. S. 2870.

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FIRST CONVOCATION, HELD IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL,
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In accordance with a resolution adopted by each of the several chartered Councils in the State of Minnesota, delegates from three Councils met at the Hall of St. Paul Council, No. 1, December 12th, 1870, to take such measures as were necessary in order to form a Grand Council.

The Convention was organized by the election of Comp. A. E. Ames as President, and Wm. S. Combs as Secretary.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were duly received as regular delegates to the Convention, having power from their several Councils to form a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Minnesota :

ST PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

WM. S. COMBS, T.: I.: M.:	W. A. SPENCER, Rt. I.: M.:
JULIAN H. GATES, P.: C.: W.:	J. C. TERRY, P.: T.: I.: M.:

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

A. E. AMES, P.: T.: I.: M.:	D. M. GOODWIN, T.: I.: M.:
JOHN W. HENION, C.: C.:	

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, NO. 3.

E. C. CROSS, T.: I.: M.:	G. W. VAN DUSEN, P.: C.: W.:
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On motion of Comp. W. A. Spencer, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the good of Cryptic Masonry demands the formation of a Grand Council for the State of Minnesota.

Comp. Wm. S. Combs offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to draft a Constitution and Regulations for the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota.

The President appointed Comps. Wm. S. Combs, E. C. Cross, and D. M. Goodwin such committee.

The committee reported as follows :

To the Convention of Royal and Select Masters now convened in the city of St. Paul, for the purpose of forming the Grand Council of Minnesota :

The undersigned committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the government of said Council, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report :

Signed,

WM. S. COMBS,
E. C. CROSS,
D. M. GOODWIN.

St. Paul, December 12th, 1870.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This Grand Council shall be designated The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota.

GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The Officers of this Grand Council shall be :

1. THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER.
2. THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER.
3. THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.
4. THE GRAND TREASURER.
5. THE GRAND RECORDER.

Who shall be severally elected by ballot, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. Also,

6. RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
7. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
8. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
9. CON. OF COUNCIL.
10. GRAND STEWARD.
11. GRAND SENTINEL.

Who shall be appointed by the Most Puissant Grand Master.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall consist of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers as may be affiliated under this jurisdiction, and the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Right Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work of Subordinate Councils.

ASSEMBLIES.

SEC. 4. The Grand Council shall hold a stated Assembly annually, on the 2d Tuesday after the 1st Monday in January, in the city of St. Paul. Specific Assemblies may be called if deemed necessary.

OATH OF OFFICE

SEC. 5. I, A. B., do promise and declare, that I will support and maintain the General Regulations of Councils of Select Masters, and the Constitution of the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota.

ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 6. No Illustrious Companion shall be eligible to either of the first three offices, or that of Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, who has not presided as Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council.

POWERS.

SEC. 7. The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several subordinate Councils in this State, and be invested with power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle the controversies that may arise between them. Also, to grant Charters, constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Minnesota, and Territories where there is no Grand Council.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

SEC. 8. The Grand Officers shall adopt suitable measures for diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures of the Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters' Degrees, and secure uniformity in the several subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 9. The Most Puissant Grand Master, and in his absence from the State, the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, shall have the power and authority, when they shall deem it expedient for the good of Cryptic Masonry, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and seal of the Grand Council, to a competent number of petitioners, empowering them to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a period in no event to extend beyond the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. *Provided*, that the fees thereof shall be first

deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. The fee for Dispensation shall be twenty dollars, and in case a Charter be granted at the next Assembly of the Grand Council, it shall be upon the further sum of five dollars, three of which shall go to the Grand Recorder, for his services in executing the same.

DISPENSATION.

SEC. 10. No dispensation shall be granted for the institution of a new Council but upon the petition of nine regular Select Masters, which petition shall be accompanied with a recommendation from the Chartered Council nearest the place where the new Council is to be located.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 11. On the first day of each Annual Assembly, the Most Puissant Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees of three each, viz.:

On Credentials.

On Address of Most Puissant Grand Master.

On Transcripts of Councils under Dispensation.

On Returns of Chartered Councils.

On Appeals and Grievances.

On Finance.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

On Foreign Correspondence.

DEGREES.

SEC. 12. No Council shall confer the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry on any person who has not regularly received in a constitutional manner the Degree of Royal Arch.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. Each Grand Officer shall perform his duty according to ancient established usages, and the provisions of this Constitution and the Regulations of this Grand Council.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 14. Petitions for the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be in writing, and shall lie over at least one month for consideration, unless by a unanimous vote it is decided to act upon it instantler.

FEES.

SEC. 15. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than ten dollars.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 16. Subordinate Councils shall hold their elections annually, on the stated meeting on or before the 27th day of December, and such officers so elected shall be installed as soon as convenient.

SEC. 17. Councils under dispensations shall be required to adopt the By-Laws prescribed by the Grand Council; and the same are recommended to Councils working under Charters, that uniformity may exist throughout the jurisdiction.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SEC. 18. All suspensions and expulsions by the subordinate Councils shall be by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; and all restorations of suspended members shall be by an unanimous vote on petition, which shall take the same course as for membership.

SEC. 19. The Grand Recorder shall annually publish a list of all suspensions and expulsions by the subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of:

1. Thrice Illustrious Master.
2. Right Illustrious Master.
3. Principal Conductor of the Work.
4. Captain of the Guard.
5. Conductor of the Council.
6. Treasurer.
7. Recorder.
8. Steward.
9. Sentinel.

And as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage; and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 2. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters under this jurisdiction shall be represented by their Thrice Illustrious

Masters, Right Illustrious Master and Principal Conductor of the work, or either of them, in person or their respective proxies at every Assembly of the Grand Council. The proxy of the Thrice Illustrious Master must be equal in rank with himself. The representatives of each Council shall be entitled to three votes.

RETURNS.

SEC. 3. Every Council shall at each Annual Assembly make a return of the names, number, location, and time of stated meetings, with a list of officers and members, of the Degrees conferred, Companions admitted, died, suspended or expelled, in accordance with the form furnished from the office of Grand Recorder, duly certified and attested.

DUES.

SEC. 4. The several Councils under this jurisdiction shall pay for the support thereof, to the Grand Council annually, the sum of one dollar for each Select Master's Degree conferred by them during the past year. And no representative shall take his seat in Grand Council until his Council shall have complied with the provisions of this as well as Section three.

FORFEITURES.

SEC. 5. If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall fail to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, shall forfeit to the use of the Grand Council its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary and all other property of every description.

TRANSCRIPTS.

SEC. 6. A Council under dispensation at the close of its period shall furnish the Grand Council a " Transcript " of its worth and labor, of its meetings, who presided, number of members present, and Degrees conferred.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. There can be but twenty-seven employed at the reception of a candidate. If there be any more, they must sit as visiting Companions.

SEC. 2. No article or section of this Constitution shall be altered

10 *Constitution and Regulations of G. C. of R & S. M. of Minn.*

or amended except at an Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the Councils under this jurisdiction.

Done in Masonic Convention, at Saint Paul, State of Minnesota, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1870, A. S. Dep. 2870.

A. E. AMES,
President.

ATTEST :

William J. Combs
Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS

PRESCRIBED BY THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF COUNCILS UNDER DISPENSATION UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND PLACE.

SEC. 1. This Council shall be known as ——— Council of Royal and Select Masters, (under dispensation,) at ———, in the County of ———, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS, &c.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a

Thrice Illustrious Master ;
Right Illustrious Master ;
Principal Conductor of the Work ;

Who are named by the Most Puissant Grand Master in the dispensation. Also a

Treasurer ;
Recorder ;
Captain of the Guard ;
Conductor of the Council ;
Steward, and
Sentinel ;

Who shall be appointed by the Council.

SEC. 2. Should the work of the Council be approved, and a Charter granted by the Grand Council, the first election shall be held at the first stated meeting after the close of the Assembly of the Grand Council, when the first five named officers shall be elected, and all others appointed by the Council.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

The members shall consist of the petitioners to whom the Charter is granted and such other Royal and Select Masters as shall be constitutionally admitted, and such candidates as shall be received herein and signed the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The stated meetings shall be held on the ———. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Thrice Illustrious Master, or in his absence, of the Right Illustrious Master, or of the Principal Conductor of the Work, should his superior officers be absent.

ARTICLE V.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Thrice Illustrious Master shall see that the By-Laws of the Council, as well as the Constitution, Edicts, and Regulations of the Grand Council, be duly observed ; that all the subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and that the returns be made annually to the Grand Council, and the annual dues be regularly and punctually paid, as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Council.

SEC. 2. The Recorder shall keep a true and fair record of all transactions of the Council proper to be written ; issue summonses ; keep an account with each member, the Council, and Grand Council ; see that each newly received Companion subscribes to the By-Laws ; pay over all moneys to the Treasurer once in every month ; make out in due season the annual returns of officers, members, &c., and an abridged transcript of the work of the Council, for the Grand Council ; notify the Grand Recorder of all rejections, suspensions and expulsions.

SEC. 3. The Sentinel shall serve the summonses, collect the dues, and take charge of the hall and furniture of the Council.

ARTICLE VI.

QUALIFICATION OF THE MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Every candidate for Degrees or membership shall present a petition in writing, subscribed by himself, and recommended

by two members of the Council, which petition shall lay over to the next stated meeting, unless the unanimous consent shall order action at an earlier period.

ARTICLE VII.

FEES.

SECTION 1. The fee for the Degrees shall be ten dollars, and for membership one dollar. No credit shall be given for the fees.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUES.

SECTION 1. The dues shall be for each member one dollar, annually, to be paid in advance. For one year in arrears. may be suspended for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE IX.

DISMISSING MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Any Companion wishing to dimit from the Council, shall petition in writing, accompanied by a receipt of the Recorder for all dues. A majority vote is required to grant a dimit and a certificate of the fact.

ARTICLE X.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The first three officers shall be a Finance Committee to audit bills, to examine the Treasurer's and Recorder's accounts, and make a report of the same at the meeting for the election of officers, and shall superintend generally the affairs of the Council.

SEC. 2 All committees (the Finance Committee excepted) shall report their proceedings to the Council at the stated meeting next after its appointment, unless ordered to the contrary at the time of their appointment.

ARTICLE XI.

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. In all cases of discipline before the Council, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Masonic usages.

ARTICLE XII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening.
2. Reading and approving Minutes.
3. Reading and referring Petitions.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Balloting for Candidates.
6. Collection of Dues.
7. Work.
8. Miscellaneous and new Business.
9. Closing.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

To the Most Puissant Grand Master of the ——— Grand Council of the State of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Royal and Select Masters, in good and regular standing, are desirous of forming a new Council to be named ——— Council.

Therefore, with the approbation of ——— Council, No. ———, we respectfully pray for a Dispensation, empowering us to meet as a regular Council at ———, in the County of ———, State of Minnesota, on the ———.

We do nominate and recommend Companion ——— to be the Thrice Illustrious Master; Comp. ——— to be the Right Illustrious Master; Comp. ——— to be the Principal Conductor of the Work of said Council.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise a strict obedience to the commands of the Most Puissant Grand Master, and to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Council.

———, Minnesota, ——— A. D. 187—.

NOTE.—This petition must be signed by at least *nine* Royal and Select Masters, and recommended by the nearest Chartered Council in form substantially as follows:

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF A COUNCIL RECOMMENDING
THE FORMATION OF A NEW COUNCIL, (WHICH MUST BE
ENDORSED ON THE PETITION.)

To the Most Puissant Grand Master of the ——— Grand Council of the State of Minnesota:

This certifies that the officers and members of ——— Council, No. ——— are satisfied with the proposal of the Companions herein named, to form a new Council at ———, and that they have complied with the regulations of the Grand Council relating thereto.

We therefore recommend the petition to the Most Puissant Grand Master, that a Dispensation may be granted to them as prayed for

Done at a stated Assembly of ——— Council, No. ———, A. ———, A. D. 187—. ———, T. I. M.

ATTEST: ———, Recorder.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Comp. Wm. A. Spencer, the Constitution was read article by article. Each article was then unanimously adopted. On motion of Comp. E. C. Cross, an election of officers for the remaining portion of the Masonic year was held, with the following result:

J. C. TERRY, M.: P.: G.: M.:
A. E. AMES, R.: I.: G.: M.:
E. C. CROSS, G.: P.: C.: W.:
M. W. GETCHELL, G.: T.:
WM. S. COMBS, G.: R.:

The M.: P.: G.: M.: appointed the following officers:

SAMUEL WILLEY, R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
I. P. WRIGHT, G.: Chaplain.
G. W. VAN DUSEN, G.: C.: G.:
HENRY L. ROCKEY, G.: C.: C.:
JOHN W. HENION, G.: S.:
CHARLES SHANDREW, G.: Sentinel.

The Grand Council of Minnesota was then opened, and Ill. Comp. A. E. Ames then installed the officers elect and appointed, Comp. D. M. Goodwin acting as Marshal.

On motion of Ill. Comp. Ames, it was

Resolved, That St. Paul Council, No. 11, Minneapolis, No. 15, and Rochester, No. 16, whose Charters were granted by the Grand Council of Iowa, constituting the Grand Council of Minnesota, shall hereafter be designated under this jurisdiction as St. Paul Council, No. 1, Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and Rochester, Council No. 3, of Royal and Select Masters. And the Grand Recorder is hereby directed to endorse on the back of the Charters of said Councils a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder is hereby directed to procure a seal and Records for the use of the Grand Council.

The M.: P.: G.: M.: appointed Comps. Wm. S. Combs, A. E. Ames and E. C. Cross a committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota was then closed in ample form.

ATTEST:

WM. S. COMBS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF
Royal & Select Masters of Minnesota,
AT ITS

SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD IN ST. PAUL,
JANUARY, A. D. 1871, A.:. DEP.: 2871.

The Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, was held in the city of St. Paul on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1871, A.:. Dep.: 2871.

Present,

J. C. TERRY, M.: P.: G.: M.:
A. E. AMES, Rt. I.: G.: M.:
E. C. CROSS, P.: C.: W.:
M. W. GETCHELL, G.: T.:
W. S. COMBS, G.: R.:
A. RICHARDSON, G.: C.: G.:
I. P. WRIGHT, G.: C.:
ROBERT STEWART, G.: C.: C.:
H. L. ROCKEY, G.: S.:
JOHN W. HENION, G.: Sentinel.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Paul Council, No. 1 :

WM. S. COMBS, T.: I.: M.:
H. L. CARVER, Proxy for Rt. I.: M.:
B. F. WRIGHT, Proxy for P.: C.: W.:

Minneapolis Council, No. 2 :

M. W. GETCHELL, Rt. I.: M.:
H. L. ROCKEY, P.: C.: W.:

Rochester Council, No. 3 :

C. SHANDREW, Proxy for T.: I.: M.:
R. A. JONES, Proxy for Rt. I.: M.:

There being a sufficient number of Councils represented, the T.: P.: G.: Master opened the Grand Council in ample form. The

reading of minutes of last Convocation, on motion of Comp. W. S. Combs, was dispensed with.

Comps. W. S. Combs, M. W. Getchell, and R. A. Jones were appointed a Committee on Returns, who made the following report :

The Committee on Returns of Councils, appointed by the Grand Council at its present session, have examined the returns of St. Paul Council No. 1, Minneapolis, No. 2, and Rochester, No. 3, and find them substantially correct.

ABSTRACT OF WORK.

St. Paul Council, No. 1—Passed the Circle—5—\$5 00. *Paid.*

Minneapolis Council, No. 2—Passed the Circle—3—\$3.00. *Paid.*

Rochester Council, No. 3—No Work.

WM. S. COMBS,	} Committee.
M. W. GETCHELL,	
R. A. JONES.	

On motion of Comp. A. E. Ames, it was

Resolved, That the G.: R.: have printed the Proceedings of the Grand Council, Constitution, and such blanks as may be necessary.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year :

A. E. AMES, M.: P.: G.: M.:
 E. C. CROSS, Rt. I.: G.: M.:
 WM. S. COMBS, G.: P.: C.: W.:
 M. W. GETCHELL, G.: T.:
 B. F. WRIGHT, G.: R.:

The M.: P.: G.: Master made the following appointments :

SAMUEL WILLEY, Rt. I.: D.: G.: M.:
 I. P. WRIGHT, G.: Chaplain.
 G. W. VAN DUSEN, G.: C.: G.:
 H. L. ROCKEY, G.: C.: C.:
 J. W. HENION, G.: Steward.
 A. RICHARDSON, G.: Sentinel.

The above officers, elected and appointed, were installed by P.: T.: P.: G.: M.: J. C. Terry, Comp. H. L. Carver acting as G.: Marshal.

The T.: P.: G.: M.: appointed the following Committees :

On Books of Recorder and Treasurer.—Comps. H. L. Carver, H. L. Rockey, and C. Shandrew.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—Comps. J. C. Terry, E. C. Cross, and J. W. Henion.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Comps. H. L. Carver, D. M. Goodwin, and G. W. Van Dusen.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota was then closed in ample form.

ATTEST :

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF MINNESOTA,
AT ITS
THIRD AND FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES,
HELD IN ST. PAUL,

JAN. 9, A. D. 1872, A. S. DEPT. 2872, AND JAN. 12, A. D. 1873, A. S. DEPT. 2873.

WM. S. COMBS,	-	-	-	-	M. P. G. M.
B. F. WRIGHT,	-	-	-	-	G. RECORDER.

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Grand Council.

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JANUARY 9th, A. D. 1872, A. S. DEP. S. 2872.

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The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, will be held in the city of St. Paul, on the 13th day of January, 1874.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota,

AT ITS THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, was held in the city of St. Paul, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1872, A. . Dep. . 2872.

Present :

Comp.	A. E. AMES,	-	-	-	-	M. P. G. M.
"	J. C. TERRY,	-	-	-	-	Rt. I. G. M.
"	W. S. COMBS,	-	-	-	-	G. P. C. W.
"	E. G. COVINGTON, as	-	-	-	-	G. P. C. G.
"	M. W. GETCHELL,	-	-	-	-	G. TREASURER.
"	B. F. WRIGHT,	-	-	-	-	G. RECORDER.
"	A. A. AMES,	-	-	-	-	G. C. C.
"	I. P. WRIGHT,	-	-	-	-	G. C.
"	A. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	-	G. SENTINEL.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL, No. 1.

Comp.	W. S. COMBS,	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
"	J. H. GATES,	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, No. 2.

Comp.	A. A. AMES, Proxy for	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
"	J. W. HENION,	-	-	-	-	Rt. I. M.
"	W. A. SPAULDING, Proxy for	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, No. 3.

Comp.	E. G. COVINGTON,	-	-	-	-	PROXY FOR COUNCIL.
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There being a sufficient number of Councils represented, the M.: P.: G.: M.: opened the G.: Council in ample form.

The M.: P.: G.: Master appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.—B. F. Wright, J. W. Henion, and G. W. Van Deuzen.

On Address of M.: P.: G.: M.:.—W. S. Combs, E. C. Cross, and R. S. Alden.

On Returns.—B. F. Wright, D. M. Goodwin, and E. G. Covington.

On Appeals and Grievances.—E. C. Cross, I. P. Wright, and A. A. Ames.

On Finance.—A. E. Ames, F. Joss, and D. M. Baldwin.

On Jurisprudence.—J. C. Terry, M. P. Hawkins, and C. Shandrew.

On Foreign Correspondence.—H. L. Carver, D. M. Goodwin, and G. W. Van Deuzen.

The Committee on Credentials reported as entitled to seats in this Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives of Subordinate Councils as before enumerated. The report was adopted.

The M.: P.: G.: M.: then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS.—Through the mercy of our Divine Master, we have been permitted to meet again in Grand Council.

We should, with warm emotions of gratitude, acknowledge the many blessings of life of which we have been the recipients during the past year, and pray with fervent prayer that our conduct may be such henceforth, that our Grand Master may approve, and be pleased to bless us in works of *Charity*, cherish us in *Hope*, and be our support in *Faith*.

I am happy in greeting you under the favorable economy of peace. The harmony of our Order in this jurisdiction has been so fair that my labors have been very light. Each Council has been doing good work, such labor as is well calculated to improve the mind and thoughts of each companion, so as to make him wiser and better, giving precept and example, encouraging moral action and amiable conduct for a social and a virtuous life.

Our Order in a beautiful manner sets before the mind *justice* and *mercy*—the obligations of *fidelity* and *honor*. In this school of *Cryptic* teach-

ing, we are required to observe justice and mercy, and to stimulate ourselves with fervency and zeal, that we may do our duty as Masons.

"Sweet concords, charities, and tender loves."

You have passed the *circle of perfection*. The scenes that you have witnessed in our blessed retreat, have led you to appreciate the wonders of *Cryptic* Masonry. You have seen the manifestations of true worship; that Ark (protected by Cherubims, called "the Glory of Israel," where the *Shekinah*, or the *Divine Presence*, rests.

He is the Glory of Light in Holy Communion.

It is unnecessary for me, on this occasion, to speak further in regard to the lessons of truth taught in *this* sacred and secret retreat.

Permit me in closing to say, to you has been committed the superintendence of the Craft. Labor therefore earnestly to do your duties, that you may "ascend into the hill of the Lord;" that you may be numbered with those who enjoy His presence.

— "Bright was the hour

When Israel's Princes, in their pride and power,
Knelt in the Temple."

Companions: May our select retreat be the resort of the just and the merciful, the seat of moral virtues, and a home of the *select*.

Thanking you with a warm heart for the honors you have conferred upon me, I close, with the belief that our Supreme Grand Master will mete out to each of you and yours, many of the rich blessings of *love* and *peace*.

— that every heart may

Reflect joy to joy, and light to light,
To multiply our bliss.

The Committee on Returns of Councils, made the following report:

The Committee on Returns of Councils, appointed by the Grand Council at its present session, have examined the returns submitted to them, and find them substantially correct.

St. Paul Council No. 1.—Passed the Circle—9,.....paid \$9.00

Minneapolis Council No. 2.—Passed the Circle—8,.....paid \$8.00

Rochester Council No. 3, No Returns.

B. F. WRIGHT,
D. M. GOODWIN, } Committee.
E. G. COVINGTON.

A petition for a charter was received from a constitutional number of R.: and S.: Masters, residing at Red Wing, Minn., and on motion of Comp. B. F. Wright, it was

Resolved, That a charter be granted to F. Joss, S. B. Foot, D. M. Baldwin, and a constitutional number of R.: and S.: Masters, residing at Red Wing, Minn., on the payment of a fee of ten dollars therefor.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year :

Comp.	E. C. CROSS, - - - -	M.: P.: G.: M.:
"	W. S. COMBS, - - - -	Rt.: I.: G.: M.:
"	D. M. GOODWIN - - - -	P.: C.: W.:
"	M. W. GETCHELL, - - - -	G.: TREASURER.
"	B. F. WRIGHT, - - - -	G.: RECORDER.

The M.: P.: G.: M.: made the following appointments :

Comp.	J. C. TERRY, - - - -	Rt.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
"	D. B. KNICKERBACKER, - - - -	G.: C.:
"	E. G. COVINGTON, - - - -	G.: C.: G.:
"	A. A. AMES, - - - -	G.: M.:
"	J. W. HENION, - - - -	G.: C.: C.:
"	FRED JOSS, - - - -	G.: S.:
"	A. RICHARDSON, - - - -	G.: SENTINEL.

The above officers, elected and appointed, were installed by P.: M.: P.: G.: M.: A. E. Ames, except Comps. E. C. Cross, D. B. Knickerbacker, and D. M. Goodwin, who were directed to be installed by the M.: P.: G.: M.:, at his convenience.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
OF MINNESOTA,
AT ITS
FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, HELD IN ST. PAUL,
JANUARY 12, A. D. 1873, A.: DEP.: 2873.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota,

AT ITS FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, met in Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1873, A. C. Dep. 2873.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Comp.	W. S. COMBS,	-	-	-	Rt. I. G. M.
"	D. M. GOODWIN,	-	-	-	G. P. C. W.
"	J. C. TERRY,	-	-	-	Rt. I. D. G. M.
"	M. W. GETCHELL,	-	-	-	G. TREASURER.
"	B. F. WRIGHT,	-	-	-	G. RECORDER.
"	E. G. COVINGTON,	-	-	-	G. C. G.
"	FRED. JOSS,	-	-	-	G. S.
"	A. A. AMES,	-	-	-	G. M.
"	A. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	G. SENTINEL.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp.	J. C. TERRY,	-	-	-	P. M. P. G. M.
"	A. E. AMES,	-	-	-	P. M. P. G. M.

The Grand Council being opened in ample form, the following Comps. were appointed a Committee on Credentials, viz: B. F. Wright, D. M. Goodwin, and Fred. Joss, who, after a short recess, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, January 12, 1873.

To the Grana Council of the State of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following Councils have made their returns and paid dues, and that the following Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Council as legal Representatives.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL, No. 1.

W. S. COMBS,	- - - - -	T.: I.: M.:
A. MOORE, JR., Proxy,	- - - - -	R.: I.: M.:
E. NASH, Proxy,	- - - - -	P.: C.: W.:

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, No. 2.

D. M. GOODWIN,	- - - - -	T.: I.: M.:
WILLIAM A. SPAULDING,	- - - - -	R.: I.: M.:
T. J. TUTTLE,	- - - - -	P.: C.: W.:

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, No. 3.

CHARLES SHANDREW, Proxy for Council.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 4.

FRED. JOSS,	- - - - -	T.: I.: M.:
S. B. FOOT,	- - - - -	R.: I.: M.:
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,	- - - - -	P.: C.: W.:

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. WRIGHT,	} Committee.
D. M. GOODWIN,	
FRED. JOSS.	

Comp. A. E. Ames presented commission from Grand Council of Pennsylvania, as Grand Representative of that Grand Council, which was received, and he welcomed as such.

Comp. N. S. Pond presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of Connecticut, which were received, and he welcomed as such.

The following committees were appointed:

On Returns.—B. F. Wright, D. M. Goodwin, E. G. Covington.

On Appeals and Grievances.—E. Nash, Wm. A. Spaulding, A. A. Ames.

On Finance.—A. E. Ames, Fred. Joss, D. M. Baldwin.

On Jurisprudence.—J. C. Terry, T. J. Tuttle, C. Shandrew.

On Foreign Correspondence.—H. L. Carver, D. M. Goodwin, S. B. Foot.

The Recorder presented the following report, which was approved :

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, January 12, 1873.

To the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

The Grand Recorder would herewith respectfully submit his account current for your approval.

To received from W. S. Combs, (last year's dues).....	\$ 8.00
" " " St. Paul Council, No. 1.....	9.00
" " " Minneapolis Council, No. 2.....	8.00
" " " Tyrian Council, No. 4, (Charter fee)...	10.00

Total.....\$35.00

This is all the money that has ever come into the possession of this Grand Council. I have paid for seal purchased by resolution of the Grand Council, and for postage and stationery, \$17.00, leaving a balance in my hands of \$18.00, to be turned over to Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns made the following report :

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, January 12, 1873.

The Committee on Returns of Councils have examined the returns of St. Paul Council, No. 1, Minneapolis Council, No. 2, Rochester Council, No. 3, and Tyrian Council, No. 4, and find them substantially correct.

ABSTRACT OF WORK.

St. Paul Council, No. 1.—Passed the Circle—6,.....	paid, \$ 6.00
Minneapolis Council, No. 2.—Passed the Circle—15,.....	paid, \$15.00
Tyrian Council, No. 4.—Passed the Circle—9,.....	paid, \$ 9.00
Rochester Council, No. 3.—Passed the Circle—2,.....	paid, \$ 2.00

B. F. WRIGHT,	} Committee.
D. M. GOODWIN,	
E. G. COVINGTON.	

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report :

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, January 12, 1873.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances take pleasure in stating that no case of grievance or complaint has been presented for their consideration.

They hope that in the future as in the past, harmony may characterize the workers in the S. V. in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR NASH,	} Committee.
WILLIAM A. SPAULDING,	
A. A. AMES.	

Which was approved.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year, Comps. A. Moore, Jr., and Fred Joss acting as tellers, who after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were severally declared duly elected, to-wit :

Comp.	W. S. COMBS, of St. Paul,	- - -	M.: P.: G.: M.:
"	D. M. GOODWIN, of Minneapolis,	-	R.: I.: G.: M.:
"	FRED. JOSS, of Red Wing.	- -	G.: P.: C.: W.:
"	M. W. GETCHELL, of St. Anthony Falls,		G.: TREASURER.
"	B. F. WRIGHT, of St. Paul,	- -	G.: RECORDER.

The M.: P.: G.: M.: elect made the following appointments :

Comp.	CHARLES SHANDREW, of Rochester,	R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
"	D. B. KNICKERBACKER,	
	of Minneapolis, -	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
"	E. G. COVINGTON, of St. Paul,	- G.: C.: G.:
"	A. A. AMES, of Minneapolis,	- - G.: M.:
"	D. M. BALDWIN, of Red Wing,	- G.: C.: C.:
"	G. W. VAN DEUZEN, of Rochester,	G.: S.:
"	A. RICHARDSON, of St. Paul,	- - G.: SENTINEL.

The above officers, elected and appointed, were installed by P.: M.: P.: G.: M.: A. E. Ames, Comp. J. C. Terry acting as G.: M.:, with the exception of Comps. M. W. Getchell, D. B. Knickerbacker, and G. W. Van Deuzen, who were directed to be installed in their several Councils.

The Grand Council having completed all the business submitted for consideration, was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, FOR THE YEAR 1872.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular Meeting, Second Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

H. L. CARVER,	- -	T.: I.: M.:
D. S. STOMBS,	. . -	R.: I.: M.:
FRED. WOODBOURNE,	- . -	P.: C.: W.:
J. H. REANEY,	- . -	TREASURER.
B. F. WRIGHT,	- . -	RECORDER.
WILLIAM NIEMAN,	- . -	C.: G.:
FRED. S. SWISHER,	- . -	C.: C.:
A. MOORE, JR.,	- . -	M.:
WILLIAM C. ASHTON,	- . -	S.:
A. RICHARDSON,	- . -	SENTINEL.

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

J. C. TERRY,	-	P.: M.: P.: G.: M.:
W. S. COMBS,	- -	M.: P.: G.: M.:

MEMBERS.

I. P. Wright,	C. W. Nash,
J. Marvin,	C. W. Carpenter,
G. L. Otis,	Geo. W. Prescott,
J. A. Richardson,	Julian H. Gates,

William A. Spencer,	Joseph C. P. Ordway,
William F. Bailey,	C. N. Parker, Jr.,
Fred. Richter,	J. H. Stewart,
J. C. Braden,	H. Ray,
J. R. Jenks,	E. M. Cox,
Joseph Nelson,	Edgar Nash,
Wm. N. Cumbeys,	Jesse W. Crouse,
Harry Burningham,	E. M. Stower,
A. T. C. Cobb,	A. H. Merrick,
Dwight M. Baldwin,	Geo. G. Barnum, Jr.,
Joseph Bergfeld,	George Hunsacker,
C. F. Yeager,	A. R. Young,
R. C. Munger,	J. A. McCloskey,
William Corlies,	John H. Dodge,
D. A. Monfort.	

Passed the Circle during the year—6.

Total Membership—49.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular Meeting, First Thursday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

D. M. GOODWIN,	T. I. M.
J. W. HENION,	R. I. M.
M. P. HAWKINS,	P. C. W.
G. G. WELLS,	TREASURER.
THOMAS J. TUTTLE,	RECORDER.
GEORGE W. COOLEY,	C. G.
JOHN H. NOBLE,	C. C.
WILLIAM A. SPAULDING,	M.
H. G. HICKS,	S.
J. W. GEER,	SENTINEL.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

A. E. AMES,	P. M. P. G. M.
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MEMBERS.

R. S. Alden,	E. B. Ames,
George A. Camp,	J. B. Clough,
J. H. Stevens,	T. R. Huntington,
Jas. Cyphers,	H. L. Rockey,
George A. Savory,	M. W. Getchell,
William Lochren,	F. S. Gilson,
A. M. Shuey,	E. C. Pratt,
Frank Beebee,	E. L. Aultman,
A. L. Scott,	D. B. Knickerbacker,
John Wilson,	A. A. Ames,
H. M. Kent,	J. M. Waldron,
Charles A. Robinson,	Charles M. C. Reeve,
C. G. McDuffie,	Herman Bisbee,
J. Vanderhork,	Ira H. Pierce,
W. D. Burwell,	M. D. Stoneman,
H. A. Carson,	S. J. Wallace,
Christopher Greeley,	Theodore Gross.

Passed the Circle during the year—15.

Total Membership—45.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, NO. 3.

ROCHESTER.

Regular Meeting, Last Friday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

E. C. CROSS,	T. I. M.
E. DAMON,	R. I. M.
G. W. VAN DEUZEN,	P. C. W.
A. M. OZMUN,	TREASURER.
M. A. OZMUN,	RECORDER.
C. SHANDREW,	C. G.
H. C. BUTLER,	C. C.
E. G. COVINGTON,	S.
J. S. HAYWOOD,	SENTINEL.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

E. C. CROSS,	P. M. P. G. M.
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MEMBERS.

A. Spor,	H. Galloway,
R. A. Jones,	D. H. Moon,
T. J. Templar,	E. W. Cross,
R. H. Gove,	H. A. Billings,
J. R. Jones.	

Passed the Circle during the year—2.

Total Membership—18.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular Meeting, Third Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

FRED. JOSS,	T. I. M.
S. B. FOOT,	R. I. M.
D. M. BALDWIN,	P. C. W.
E. L. BAKER,	TREASURER.
A. ALLEN,	RECORDER.
W. E. HAWKINS,	C. G.
R. B. KELLOGG,	C. C.
M. HERSCHLER,	M.
J. M. RICHTER,	S.
B. F. GLARDEN,	SENTINEL.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Sweney,	Pascal Smith,
D. B. Clark,	E. T. Dodge,
C. R. Brink,	C. A. Swanson,
Abram Howe, Jr.,	W. O. Dodge,
W. P. Brown,	W. W. Phelps.

Passed the Circle during the year—9.

Affiliated—1.

Total Membership—20.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1872.

Number of Subordinate Councils.....	4
Total Membership.....	182
Companions who received degrees.....	32
Total dues received, 1873.....	\$32 00

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

ELECTED JANUARY 12, A. D. 1873, A. S. DEP.: 2873.

WM. S. COMBS, St. Paul,	- - -	M.: P.: G.: M.:
D. M. GOODWIN, Minneapolis,	- - -	R.: I.: G.: M.:
FRED. JOSS, Red Wing,	- - -	G.: P.: C.: W.:
M. W. GETCHELL, St. Anthony Falls,	-	G.: TREASURER.
B. F. WRIGHT, St. Paul,	- - -	G.: RECORDER.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal & Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS

FIFTH, SIXTH & SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES,

HELD IN ST. PAUL,

FROM 1874 TO 1876. INCLUSIVE.

—O—

G. W. COOLEY, M. : P. : GRAND MASTER, - MINNEAPOLIS.

THEO. BURKHARD, GRAND RECORDER, - - ST. PAUL.

—O—

SAINT PAUL :
WESTERN PROSPECTUS PRINT.
1876.

Freemasons, Minnesota, Royal and Select
Grand Council.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—
Royal & Select Masters,

OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA.

AT ITS
FIFTH, SIXTH & SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES,

HELD IN ST. PAUL,
JAN. 14, A. D. 1874, A. D. 1874; JAN. 13, A. D. 1875, A. D. 1875,
AND JAN. 11, A. D. 1876, A. D. 1876.

—O—
G. W. COOLEY,.....M. P. G. M.
THEO. BURKHARD.....G. RECORDER.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, A. D. 1874, A. DEP. 2874.

The Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, was held in the City of St. Paul, on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1874, A. Dep. 2874.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

- Comp. WM. S. COMBS, Most Puissant Grand Master.
- Comp. A. E. AMES, as Right Illustrious Grand Master.
- Comp. FRED. JOSS, Grand P.: C.: W.:
- Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, Grand Recorder.
- Comp. E. G. COVINGTON, Grand Captain of the Guard.
- Comp. D. S. STOMBS, Grand Conductor of the Council.
- Comp. J. H. NOBLE, Grand Marshal.
- Comp. A. MOORE, JR., Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council being opened in AMPLE FORM, the following Companions were appointed a Committee on Credentials, viz: FRED. JOSS, H. L. CARVER and B. F. WRIGHT, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. P. Grand Council of the State of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report, that the following Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Council as representatives of Subordinate Councils:

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

H. L. CARVER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
A. MOORE, JR.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. M.
J. P. POND,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

D. M. GOODWIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
J. H. NOBLE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. M.
F. L. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, NO. 3.--No Representative.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

FRED. JOSS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
S. B. FOOT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. M.
D. M. BALDWIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

Fraternally submitted.

FRED. JOSS.
H. L. CARVER.
B. F. WRIGHT.
Committee.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Returns—B. F. WRIGHT, F. L. SMITH and J. P. POND

On Jurisprudence—A. E. AMES, S. B. FOOT and E. G. COVINGTON.

On Appeals and Grievances—B. F. WRIGHT, S. B. FOOT and H. L. CARVER.

On Finance—D. M. BALDWIN, H. L. CARVER and J. H. NOBLE.

On Foreign Correspondence—H. L. CARVER, B. F. WRIGHT and D. M. BALDWIN.

The Most Puissant Grand Master then delivered the annual address, a copy of which has not been furnished the Grand Recorder.

On motion, the address was referred to a Committee consisting of Companions H. L. CARVER, A. E. AMES and D. M. BALDWIN.

The Committee on Grand Master's address report the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That that portion of the Most Puissant Grand Master's address which refers to the representation of this Grand Council at the convention called to meet at New Orleans, in December, A. D. 1874, and that portion referring to the work, be referred to the Grand Officers, to be elected at the present Assembly, with full authority to act.

Resolved, That the rest of the address be referred to a Special Committee.

The Most Puissant Grand Master appointed, as members of such Special Committee, Companions FRED. JOSS, F. L. SMITH and J. H. NOBLE.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, JAN. 13th, 1874.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota :

The Grand Recorder would herewith respectfully submit his account current for your approval

To Balance in his hands at last Assembly.....	\$18 00
To Dues received from Subordinate Councils.....	32 00
Total.....	\$50 00
Turned over to Grand Treasurer.....	\$50 00

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows, viz:

To received from B. F. Wright, Grand Recorder.....	\$50 00
By order of Pioneer Printing Co.....	44 00
By Cash on hand January 12th, 1874.....	\$ 6 00
Respectfully Submitted,	

M. W. GETCHELL,
Grand Treasurer.

The Finance Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find the same correct, as respectfully reported.

D. M. BALDWIN,
H. L. CARVER,
J. H. NOBLE,
Committee.

On motion of Companion Ames it was

Resolved, That this Grand Council adopt the system of representatives, and that the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to appoint representatives near the Grand Councils in communication with this Grand Council.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Returns have examined the returns of St. Paul Council, No. 1, Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and Tyrian Council, No. 4, and find them substantially correct.

ABSTRACT OF WORK.

St. Paul Council, No. 1.—Passed the Circle—9.....	paid, \$ 9 00
Minneapolis Council, No. 2.—Passed the Circle—13.....	paid, 13 00
Tyrian Council, No. 4.—Passed the Circle—11.....	paid, 11 00
	\$33 00

B. F. WRIGHT,
F. L. SMITH,
J. P. POND,
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, and the following Companions having received the majority of all the votes cast were severally declared duly elected, viz:

Comp. WM. S. COMBS, Most Puissant Grand Master.
Comp. D. M. GOODWIN, Right Illustrious Grand Master.
Comp. FRED. JOSS, Grand P. C. W.
Comp. M. W. GETCHELL, Grand Treasurer.
Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, Grand Recorder.

The Most Puissant Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. H. L. CARVER, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. A. E. AMES, Grand Chaplain,
Comp. E. G. COVINGTON, Grand Captain of the Guards.
Comp. WM. LOCHREN, Grand Marshal.
Comp. D. M. BALDWIN, Grand Conductor of the Council.
Comp. C. N. PARKER, Grand Steward.
Comp. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Sentinel.

The following amendment to the Constitution was presented and ordered to lie upon the table until the next Grand Assembly:

To amend Section 2, of Article I, so as to make the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master an elected instead of an appointed officer, and to rank next after the Most Puissant Grand Master

The above officers, elected and appointed, were then installed by Past Most Puissant Grand Master, A. E. AMES.

The Grand Council was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal & Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

AT ITS

SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD IN ST. PAUL.

JANUARY 13, A. D. 1875, A. S. DEPT. 2875.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, A. D. 1875, A. DEP. 2875.

The Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, was held in the City of St. Paul, on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1875, A. Dep. 2875.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

Comp FRED. JOSS, Right Illustrious Grand Master.
Comp. H. L. CARVER, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. E. G. COVINGTON, Grand Captain of the Guards.
Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, Grand Recorder.
Comp. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council being opened in AMPLE FORM, the following Companions were appointed a Committee on Credentials, viz: Companions G. W. COOLEY, H. L. CARVER and D. M. BALDWIN, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. P. Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report, that the following Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Council as representatives of Subordinate Councils:

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

FRED. WOODBOURN,	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
J. C. BRADEN, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. G. M.
GEO. S. ACKER,	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

G. W. COOLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
G. B. COOLLY, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. G. M.
J. H. NOBLE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, NO. 3.--No Representative.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

S. J. WILLARD,	-	-	-	-	-	T. I. M.
J. C. HAWES, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R. I. G. M.
D. M. BALDWIN,	-	-	-	-	-	P. C. W.

Faternally submitted,

G. W. COOLEY,
H. L. CARVER,
D. M. BALDWIN,
Committee.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Returns—B. F. WRIGHT, D. M. BALDWIN and J. H. NOBLE.

On Appeals and Grievances—G. W. COOLEY, J. C. HAWES and G. B. COOLEY.

On Finance—H. L. CARVER, B. F. WRIGHT and E. G. COVINGTON.

On Foreign Correspondence—G. B. COOLEY, J. C. HAWES and B. F. WRIGHT.

The amendment to the constitution, prepared at the last Grand Annual Assembly, to amend Section 2, of Article 1, so as to make the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master an elected instead of an appointed officer, and to make his office next in rank to the Most Puissant Grand Master, was then, on motion of Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, taken up and adopted.

In the absence of the Most Puissant Grand Master, the Right Illustrious Grand Master, FRED. JOSS, verbally stated that he regretted that no formal address had been prepared; but gave for the information of the Grand Council his idea of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 13th, 1875.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

The Committee on Returns have examined the returns of St. Paul Council, No. 1, Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and Tyrian Council, No. 4, and find them substantially correct.

ABSTRACT OF WORK.

St. Paul Council, No. 1.—Passed the Circle—3,.....	paid, \$3 00
Minneapolis Council, No. 2.—Passed the Circle—3,.....	paid, 3 00
Tyrian Council, No. 4.—Passed the Circle—2,.....	paid, 2 00
Total,.....	\$8 00

B. F. WRIGHT,
D. M. BALDWIN,
J. H. NOBLE,
Committee.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 13th, 1875.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

The Grand Recorder would herewith respectfully submit his account current for your approval

To Received from St. Paul Council No. 1,.....	\$ 9 00
To Received from Minneapolis Council No. 2,.....	18 00
To Received from Tyrian Council No. 4,.....	11 00
Total,.....	\$38 00
Turned over to Grand Treasurer,.....	\$38 00

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

The Finance Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 13th, 1875.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the account of the Grand Recorder and find the same correct, as respectfully reported.

H. L. CARVER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
E. G. COVINGTON,
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, and the following Companions having received the majority of all the votes cast were severally declared duly elected, viz:

Comp. FRED. JOSS, Most Puissant Grand Master.
Comp. H. L. CARVER, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. G. W. COOLEY, Right Illustrious Grand Master
Comp. FRED. WOODBOURN, Grand P. M. C. W.
Comp. M. W. GETCHELL, Grand Treasurer.
Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, Grand Recorder.

The Most Puissant Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. J. H. NOBLE, Grand Captain of the Guard.
Comp. J. C. BRADEN, Grand Conductor of the Council.
Comp. CHAS. GRISWOLD, Grand Chaplain.
Comp. D. M. BALDWIN, Grand Steward.
Comp. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Sentinel.

The above officers, elected and appointed, were then installed by Past Most Puissant Grand Master, A. E. AMES.

The Grand Council was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal & Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS

SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD IN ST. PAUL,

JANUARY 11, A. D. 1876, A. S. DEP. 2876.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Council of R. M. and S. M. Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,
AT ITS SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY A. D. 1876, A. D. P. 2876.

The Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, was held in the City of St. Paul, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1876, A. D. P. 2876.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

Comp. G. W. COOLEY, Right Illustrious Grand Master.
Comp. G. B. COOLEY, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. FRED. WOODBOURN, Grand P. M. C. M. W. M.
Comp. G. W. MERRILL, as Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. M. W. GETCHELL, Grand Treasurer.
Comp. B. F. WRIGHT, Grand Recorder.
Comp. D. M. BALDWIN, as Grand Steward.
Comp. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Sentinel.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

St. Paul Council No. 1; Minneapolis Council No. 2; Tyrian Council No. 4.

There being a sufficient number of Councils represented, the Most Puissant Grand Master opened the Grand Council in AMPLE FORM.

The following Companions were appointed a Committee on Credentials, viz: Companions B. F. WRIGHT, D. M. BALDWIN, and G. B. COOLEY, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 13th, 1875.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report, that the following Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Council as representatives of Subordinate Councils:

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

G. W. MERRILL,	-	-	-	-	-	T.: I.: M.:
W. P. JEWETT, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R.: I.: M.:
THEO. BURKHARD, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	P.: C.: W.:

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

G. W. COOLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	T.: I.: M.:
A. A. AMES, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R.: I.: M.:
G. B. COOLEY, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	P.: C.: W.:

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

D. M. BALDWIN,	-	-	-	-	-	T.: I.: M.:
S. J. WILLARD, proxy for	-	-	-	-	-	R.: I.: M.:
O. WHITMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	P.: C.: W.:

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. WRIGHT,
D. M. BALDWIN,
G. B. COOLEY,
Committee.

The Most Puissant Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Returns—B. F. WRIGHT, WM. LEE and G. W. MERRILL.

On Appeals and Grievances—H. L. CARVER, W. P. JEWETT and A. R. YOUNG.

On Finance—D. M. BALDWIN, S. J. WILLARD and THEO. BURKHARD.

Masonic Jurisprudence—O. WHITMAN, WM. LEE and H. M. KENT.

On Foreign Correspondence—G. B. COOLEY, A. R. YOUNG and B. F. WRIGHT.

In the absence of the Most Puissant Grand Master and the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, G. W. COOLEY, Right Illustrious Grand Master, verbally stated that he regretted that no formal address had been prepared; but gave for the information of the Grand Council his idea of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 11th, 1876.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota :

The Grand Recorder would herewith report that he has received from

St. Paul Council, No. 1,.....	\$3 00
Minneapolis Council, No. 2,.....	3 00
Tyrian Council, No. 4,.....	2 00

Total,..... \$8 00

And that he has turned the money over to the Grand Treasurer and holds his receipt for the same.

B. F. WRIGHT,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. PAUL, Jan. 11th, 1876.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils respectfully report, that they have examined the returns of St. Paul Council, No. 1; Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and Tyrian Council, No. 4, and find the same correct.

Your Committee further report that they have received no returns from Rochester Council No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. WRIGHT,
G. W. MERRILL,
WM. LEE,
Committee.

Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Council, by a two thirds vote of the Subordinate Councils represented, was amended so as to read:

The Grand Council shall hold a stated Assembly annually, at such time and place as the Grand Council may direct.

Upon motion of Companion Ames, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Council hold its Eighth Annual Assembly at such time and place as the Grand Commandery of the State of Minnesota may select for their meeting in 1877.

The Charter of Rochester Council No. 3, it not having made returns or held assemblies for three years, was declared forfeited and the Recorder was directed to notify the Council that their Charter was arrested.

The bill of the Recorder for postage for three years, \$3.00, and the bill of H. L. Carver, for printing proceedings 1873-4, \$45.00, were allowed and warrants ordered for the amounts.

A Petition for a Charter was received from a constitutional number of Royal and Select Masters, residing at East Minneapolis, Minn., and, on motion of Companion B. F. Wright, it was

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Companions WM. LOCHREN, M. W. GETCHELL, F. L. SMITH, and a constitutional number of Royal and Select Masters, residing at East Division of the City of Minneapolis, Minn., on the payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars, (\$25.00), therefor.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

Comp. G. W. COOLEY, Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Comp. FRED. WOODBOURN, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
Comp. D. M. BALDWIN, Right Illustrious Grand Master.
Comp. G. W. MERRILL, Grand P. M. W.
Comp. M. W. GETCHELL, Grand Treasurer.
Comp. THEO. BURKHARD, Grand Recorder.

The following officers were appointed:

Comp. G. B. COOLEY, Grand Chaplain.
Comp. A. A. AMES, Grand Captain of the Guards.
Comp. S. J. WILLARD, Grand Conductor of the Council.
Comp. CHAS. LEONARD, Grand Steward.
Comp. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Sentinel.

The Most Puissant Grand Master was installed by Companion W. S. COMBS, Past Most Puissant Grand Master, and by him the remaining officers.

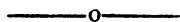
A new Charter was granted to Minneapolis Council No. 2, without fee, the old Charter having been accidentally destroyed.

Thanks to Grand Recorder were extended by Grand Council for services rendered, in so much as no compensation was received.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Minnesota, was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

THEO. BURKHARD,
Grand Recorder.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.



To the Most Potssant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have the honor to submit their report.

We have received Annual Proceedings from the following Grand Councils, to-wit:

Alabama,.....	1874	Missouri,.....	1874
Arkansas.....	1874	Mississippi,.....	1875
Illinois,.....	1874	Nebraska,.....	1875
Indiana,.....	1874-5	New Hampshire,.....	1874
Iowa,.....	1874	New Jersey,.....	1875
Kentucky,.....	1875	New York,.....	1875
Maine,.....	1875	North Carolina,.....	1875
Massachusetts,.....	1874	Ohio,.....	1874
Maryland,.....	1874	Ontario,.....	1874
Michigan,.....	1874-5	Wisconsin,.....	1874-5

We are rejoiced that so many of our sister Grand Councils have sent us their annual greetings. For, although we are very near the "Hiperbo-rean regions," the thermometer of our hearts is always above zero and our hands ever open to receive the welcome "*grip*" from Companions abroad.

The duty is assigned us to review these proceedings and write a report. We are a "new hand at the wheel" and hardly know how to commence.

We feel that we can say but little, for the feeling of our Grand Council is, that our report should be short.

"But how to say that little, and to say that little well,"

is what bothers us. Our worthy Grand Recorder has sent the report abroad that *we are* languishing. That being true there will not be much expected of us; but I beg to *differ*, we are not "languishing," we never *languish*. We are yet young it is true; but youth should never *languish*. We "still live, move and have a being," and while life remains we don't propose to *languish*. I mean your committee.

In the language of the poet "here goes."

ALABAMA.

This Grand Council held its Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly at the city of Montgomery, on the 9th day of December, 1874. Seventeen Councils represented.

The address of Grand Master WEBB was read by the Grand Recorder, the Grand Master being unavoidably absent.

The address is short and closes with a request that he be relieved from the station occupied by him for the last four years.

He reported the *work* of the New York Convention, adopted by the Grand Council at its last Assembly, as having been well received and tending to promote an increased interest in the Council degrees.

M. Ill. PALMER J. PILLINGS, of Mobile, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. DANIEL SAYRE, of Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master made the following decision:

"Can we legally confer the R. and S. degrees upon a R. A. Mason who has been so unfortunate as to lose his left arm near the shoulder?

Held, That to such unfortunate Companion we offer our sympathy; but are not at liberty to depart from an established land-mark of Masonic bodies."

The Report on Correspondence, by Companion SAYRE, is very good indeed—*par excellence*. He very pleasingly reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils. Minnesota being marked by him "no proceedings."

ARKANSAS.

The Fifteenth Annual Assembly met at Little Rock, Oct. 24th, 1874. Twelve Councils represented.

The annual address of Grand Master STINSON is an excellent production. Among other things he recommended the repeal of an edict adopt-

ed in 1872, in which that Grand Council assumed the right to receive petitions, elect and confer the degrees of R. and S. Masters on any R. A. M. in its jurisdiction, except for the purpose of illustrating the work, and then using candidates duly elected by a Subordinate Council. The G. C. followed his recommendation and repealed the edict.

We say, *right*. Just as it should be.

He speaks very feelingly of the loss of Comp. HARRIS FLANIGAN, who was an ex-Governor of his State, and P. G. M. of that jurisdiction.

"Not lost but only gone before."

The Committee on Correspondence made no report.

Comp. J. A. STIMSON was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp L. E. BARBER re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council met on Oct. 28th, 1874, at Chicago. Forty Councils represented.

The annual address of the Grand Puissant is short, and refers principally to his official acts during the year.

Only one dispensation for new council granted during the year.

No decisions on jurisprudence.

He referred to the death of two Illustrious Companions during the year, Ill. Comp. WILSON HOAG, who died at Roxton, Feb. 19th, 1874, and Comp. THOMAS J. TURNER, who died at Hot Springs, Ark., in April last. Comp. TURNER was Past Grand Master of Masons of that state.

He recommended the adoption of the Ritual of the New York Convention.

The Report on Correspondence, by Ill. Comp. JAMES H. VIDES, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils in a very able and concise manner.

Thrice Ill. W. F. BROOMFIELD, of Tuscola, was elected Grand Puissant, and Ill. Bro. JAMES H. VIDES, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1874.

Grand Council met at Indianapolis Oct. 20th, 1874. Thirty-four Councils were represented.

The charter of one Council was arrested by the Grand Puissant for non-payment of dues. Of course it "came to time," and paid up.

One Council "played out." It had no jewels, money, or fixtures of any kind. Of course could not work, had no *tools*.

The Grand Puissant does not believe in "putting off old garments for new," at least as long as he considers the old the best, and therefore approves the adoption of the work of the New York Convention. His address is *par excellence*. Among other things he says:

"Let us not, as Masons, be too hasty in condemning another's course; it is our duty always to help, aid and assist, ever remembering that the same causes might affect our own standing. Is there not rejoicing in heaven over one sinner saved? And have we not all seen the beneficial effects of forbearance and long mercy? Do you not all know of cases where a brother has been saved to usefulness, both in the Lodge and in the world, by this course, when a too hasty judgment might have rendered him reckless and defiant, and hastened the downfall already made?

Let your justice be tempered with mercy.

Companions, may we, when dumb and blind to all things earthly, when called upon to pass the sleeping sentinel of death, with hope for our guiding star, and faith the pass which shall admit us to the last arch, hear from the God of our fathers these words, so replete with interest to all Royal and Select Masters—"Thou art the friend and companion of my choice."

The Committee on Uniformity of Work reported against adopting the work of the New York Convention.

Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, of Crawfordsville, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN M. BROMWELL, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1875.

Grand Council met at Indianapolis Oct. 19th, 1875. Thirty-two Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Puissant is confined mostly to matters of local interest. He refers to the death of four Illustrious Companions during the year, among which was the Deputy Ill, Grand Master, Comp. ROBERT J. SHAW, who died at New Albany, August 21st, 1875.

The G. M. says:

"Thus you see the young, the middle-aged and the old, have passed the ninth arch to that light not vouchsafed to mortal view. As none are exempt from death we can not know whether the next called from our Grand Council may be the young man in the prime of life, or one of us whose locks are frosted with age."

He opposes change of work.

The Committee of Correspondence submitted a very able report.

Comp. DANIEL McDONALD elected Ill. Grand Master. Comp. JOHN M. BROMWELL Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The eighteenth annual assembly of this Grand Council convened at Dubuque, Oct. 22d, 1874. Eight Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master, HIRAM Y. SMITH, in his annual address expresses great confidence that "Cryptic Masonry" will ultimately receive that marked attention it deserves from the craft, and closes by saying:

"Let us then continue to labor dilligently, and "may our sanctuary be the pride of the worthy, the resort and seat of the moral virtues, the asylum of the oppressed, a name and a praise in the whole earth, until the last of time shall bury the empires of the world in undistinguished ruin."

The Report of Correspondence by Comp. LANGRIDGE is very *good*, notwithstanding he expressed regret that it was not better,

Comp. J. H. HEATON, of Keokuk, elected Most Puissant Grand Master.
Comp. W. B. LANGRIDGE re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

Comes to us, and on her face the fairest of the sisters, Comp. HODGES, believes in putting on a fair outside anyhow.

The Grand Council met at Louisville October 21st, 1874. Fifteen Councils represented.

The address of Grand Master RYAN is very brief, being all contained in thirteen lines. He says "Cryptic Masonry is flourishing in that jurisdiction, and that the utmost peace and harmony prevails throughout all its borders."

The Report on Correspondence, in which Comp. HENDERSON, chairman of the committee, reviews the proceedings of Nine Grand Councils in rather apt and pithy style, and closes his report as follows:

"We are yearning for some one gifted in rhetoric and wise in Cryptic Masonry to give us a literature peculiar to it. As a drama its work, when well executed, is superior to that of Symbolic and Royal Craft Masonry, and the ethical teachings fully as impressive. We opine that one reason why it does not flourish is, that the members cannot afford the time to meet so many branches of Masonry. We think it would be a good plan to meet in Council the same night the Chapter works, and as soon as it is over go forward with the other. Nine times out of ten the Chapter has but little to do, and could adjourn early to give the Council time to work."

Comp. HENRY BOSTWICK, of Covington, was elected Grand Master.

Comp. ALBERT G. HODGES re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

Annual Convocation met at Portland, May 5th, 1875. Ten Subordinate Councils represented; in fact every one in the jurisdiction. A good start, indeed.

The Address of the Grand Master, Comp. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, is made up largely of official visitations during the year. He speaks of two Ill. Companions of that jurisdiction having past into the

“Great Unknown”

during the year. Companions TIMOTHY CHASE and EDMUND A. CHADWICK.

Companion JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND submitted a very lengthy and able report on correspondence. He is a very strong advocate for the “new work” as adopted by the New York convention.

Comp. SUMNER H. BOYNTON, of Rockland, was elected Most Ill. Grand Master, and Comp. IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Boston, December 9th, 1874, and was presided over by REV. THOMAS ELLIOTT ST. JOHN, Most Illustrious Grand Master. Thirteen Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports that Cryptic Masonry in that State is in a good degree of prosperity. He refers to the death of two eminent members of that Grand Council who had passed into the “Silent Chamber” during the year—Comp. CHAS. W. MOORE, December 12th, 1873, and Comp. EDWARD B. MOORE, Past Puissant Grand Master, Sept. 16th, 1874. Comp. EDWARD B. MOORE was at the time of his death, and had been ever since 1860, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Master expresses himself opposed to the *work* recommended at the New York Convention. In regard to the order of conferring the degrees, he expresses himself of the opinion that the Select, and not the Royal, should be conferred first. Of this he says:

“The Select degree is founded upon the tradition of the building of the secret vault. At this time *all the Three* were present. It would be manifestly improper to work that degree first, in which a memorial is embodied of one dead, who must be supposed to be present in a subsequent degree.”

It was voted that the work of this Grand Council remain unchanged. The following resolution was also passed:

“Resolved, That the Grand Council of Select and Royal Masters of Massachusetts will not recognize any General Grand Council of the United States of America, and believes that the harmony and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry will not be advanced or promoted by any such body.”

Ill. Comp. Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Ill. Comp. JOHN HAIGH was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council convened at St. Louis on the 9th day of October, 1874. Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master, Comp. JOSEPH S. BROWNE, not being able to be present, his annual address was read by the Grand Recorder. He strongly favors the “New York Convention” work.

W. W. GARTH, of Columbia, was elected Grand Master, and GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, of St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

Comp. GOULEY’s Report on Correspondence is simply an acknowledgment of the reception of the proceedings of other Grand Councils. In conclusion he says:

“Something has got to be done for Cryptic Masonry outside of the present system of its arrangement. But very few Grand Councils report anything worthy of particular notice, apart from the fact that with very few exceptions nearly all the Grand Councils are in a languishing condition. There is still one hope left, viz.: that the Grand Chapter will take charge of the degrees, or else that the Grand Encampment will give up the Red Cross degree. Either will save the Council. and for ourself we prefer the former course.”

MISSISSIPPI.

The seventeenth annual assembly of this Grand Council was held at the city of Meridian, February 6th, 1875. and presided over by Comp. HARVEY W. WALTER, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address says:

“By the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to meet here at the close of another Masonic year. It has been one of great suffering throughout the State. The financial panic, the great depreciation in the value of property, and the heavy public exactions have brought ruin to many, and dismay to all.

The intense heat of the past summer, without parallel in our history, scorched and withered the labor of the husbandman, and we realized to its full extent the condition seen by the Prophet when the fig tree did not blossom, and there was no fruit in the vines; the labor of the olive failed, and the fields yielded no increase; the flock was cut off from the fold, and there was no herd in the stalls.

The foundation of government and morals has been shaken, public virtue has fled before the wave of public corruption, and public opinion has ceased to be the scourge of the public plunderer. Amid this suffering and ruin, we have fled to the consolations of our Council, and around our sacred altars have prayed to our Father, 'who will not always chide.'"

The Grand Master further makes report, that he has not been called upon to make a decision, nor has a single instance of any disturbance occurred within that jurisdiction. That is certainly good enough.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. WM. S. PATTON, Past Illustrious Grand Master, in which the proceedings of Twenty-three Grand Councils, is very carefully and courteously reviewed, is very able and impartial. He prefaces his report with the following remarks:

"The history of our Ancient Order during the past year has been crowned with peace and harmony. Our Councils have enjoyed the result of peaceful labor—prosperity. The courts of our S. V. may not have been thronged with applicants for admission, as in years past, but the returns will show that the additions to our number indicate, if not a rapid, a steady and vigorous growth, assuring the perpetuity of the institution, and giving renewed promise of moral and intellectual excellence. Let us seriously and impartially retrospect the work which we have performed during the year, and inquire what we have done for the improvement of ourselves, our companions, the advancement of Cryptic Masonry, and the moral and mental elevation of the communities in which we have labored."

Comp. PATTON very ably opposes the formation of a General Grand Council. He says:

"The formation of a General Grand Council is inexpedient, uncalled for, and dangerous to the interests of Cryptic Masonry."

So say we.

MARYLAND.

A convention of delegates from the Councils of R. and S. M. in Maryland, assembled at Baltimore, May 12th, 1874, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a General Grand Council, at which six Councils were represented.

The delegates resolved themselves into a G. C. and articles of constitution were duly adopted. Comp. GEO. L. McCAHAN was elected Grand Master, and Comp. JNO. T. GORSTON Grand Recorder, to serve until the annual assembly in November following.

The annual assembly met November 9th, 1874, at which six Councils were represented. Considerable business was done, but nothing impor-

tant or interesting to the craft outside of that jurisdiction. There was no address from the Grand Master, and no report on Correspondence.

Comp. GEO. L. McCAHAN was elected Grand Master and JOHN T. GORSUCH Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN, 1874.

The Grand Council met at Detroit Jan. 19th, 1874. Thirty-three Councils represented.

The address of Grand Master W. BROWN is confined mostly to his official acts. He pays a very appropriate tribute to the memory of Comp. FRANK DARROW, a Past Grand Master of that State, who died April 11th, 1873.

No Report on Correspondence.

Comp. WM. BROWN was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Comp. G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, also re-elected.

MICHIGAN, 1875.

Met January 18th, 1875. Thirty-three Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very good, but is confined to matters of local interest only to that jurisdiction. He speaks very feelingly of the death of Comp. SPENCER B. RAYNOLE, who died September 26th, 1874.

Comp. G. B. NOBLE, in his Report on Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, and winds up by saying:

"The outlook is favorable, and now we think that Cryptic Masonry is as firmly established as Capitular or Chivalric, and that a sturdy and healthy growth is exhibited throughout the length and breadth of our country."

I wonder what Comp. GUTLEY thinks of that?

Comp. M. MANSFIELD, of Coldwater, was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Comp. G. B. NOBLE, of Detroit, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Council at the annual assembly of May 18th, A. D. 1874, at which all seven of the Subordinate Councils were represented. Considerable business was done.

There was no Report on Correspondence.

In closing his annual address Grand Master HARRIS says.

"I am happy to say that the Several Councils in this jurisdiction are in a prosperous condition, and that there is an increased interest in these degrees."

Comp. JOHN A. HARRIS was elected Grand Master. JOSEPH W. HILDRETH was elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Council was held at Trenton, January 19th, 1875. Eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master thinks it would be useless to disguise the fact that Cryptic Masonry is not in as flourishing condition as we would desire, and was opposed to a General Grand Council, as he thought it would only add expense to our burdens, and without any apparent good.

We think so too.

Comp. JOHN S. HARTLEY, of Patterson, was elected Grand Master. and THOS. J. CORSON was re elected Grand Recorder.

Comp. CORSON, from the Committee on Correspondence, opens up his battery in this wise:

"If the Israelitish "Jours," who expected to receive Master's wages when they went over to Pharaoh's dominions to teach the ignorant Egyptians how to run a brickyard, are to be held justifiable for the mournful tale that they couldn't make the "tale of bricks" which their masters required of them only because these worshippers of Isis and Osiris wouldn't furnish a sufficient supply of material wherewith to do the work; then how much greater cause have we to complain, to whom is allotted the task of compressing and condensing into one brick—and that a small one—all the material contained in the printed proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils? Oh! for the power of condensation! Oh! for the gift of conciseness! What is a verbose chap to do who likes to spread himself in diffuse style all over, around, above, beneath, and on the other side of a subject, and who so dearly loves to be granted considerable leeway and ample latitude, altitude, longitude and amplitude when he speaks? But the fiat has gone forth. The Grand Council, actuated by the malevolent spirit of old Procrustes, has ordered that the report shall be written and that, like tea-biscuit, it shall be—short. So be it. Our depulated caput is meekly bowed; our dromedarian back receives the burden; our bridled tongue prepares the laconic phrase; our pen proceeds to perform the perfunctory duty."

His report is very concise and to the point—a very good report indeed.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Grand Council met at Raleigh June 9th, 1875. Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very brief. He reports "Cryptic Masonry" in that jurisdiction *in statu quo*—no advancement, no receding. It

seems the Grand Council is on wheels.

No report on Correspondence:

Comp. JOHN NICHOLS re-elected Grand Master, and DONALD W. BAIN re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The proceedings of this Grand Council for 1875 have just come to hand—since the convening of our own—in a very neat and handsome volume of seventy-eight pages.

It was the sixty-sixth annual assembly. Twenty-eight Councils represented.

The annual address of M. I. G. FRED. WILTSIE, Grand Master is excellent. We quote as follows:

“From tidings received from the Craftsmen of the Cryptic Vault, I am again enabled to report to you that union and harmony, the strongest of all Mystic bonds, is ours; no disturbing workmen are found engaged in our Arches; no element of discord, nor sound of dissatisfaction is heard among us; no ‘sleeping Stewards’ impede or hinder the progress of our great work; but surely and grandly, yet slowly and steadfastly, are we raising our Temple towards the skies, each and every one fulfilling well the part allotted to him and faithfully serving his regular hours with fervency and zeal in our united and glorious cause.”

He gives a full history of the United States Grand Council, that assembled at New Orleans, Nov. 31st, 1874.

He very feelingly refers to the death of R. I. Comp. J. H. CHASE, Grand Lecturer of that jurisdiction, who died at sea, August 14th, 1875. We quote:—

“Our Grand Lecturer is no more. Time, that dread leveler of human life, sooner or later will overtake us all. While we mourn the loss of our departed Companion, as we miss him in our assemblies and no longer hear his pleasant, happy voice in our midst; while we pause for a moment in the busy scenes of life, turning aside to cast a sympathetic tear over his memory, and ponder upon the uncertainty of our own existence, and the certainty as well, as in his case, the suddenness of death, let us each and every one remember, ‘In the midst of life we are in death.’ and so may we act and live that when the dread summons shall come to us, and we shall be called to follow those who have ‘gone before,’ we may be so prepared, having our ‘work’ ready for inspection, that we may gain an entrance into the ‘Holy of Holies’ above, and there receive the wages due faithful Craftsmen and deserving Companions.”

He closes his address with the following beautiful lines:

"Lo the sands swiftly run; behold our lives
 Dropping like foliage to a solemn close;
To-day the bud bright expectation gives—
To-morrow, blossoms to a transient rose—
 Another morn, and its whole beauty goes;
 Its leaves are scattered wastefully around,
 No heart remembering—another glows
 Upon the stem—another hope is crowned;
 But this is human life, the life the dead have found.

Count well the moments, then; fill up the day;
 Brothers, let wisdom's hand your life plans trace;
The Temple will be finished, though *we* may
 Not see the *Stone* exalted to its place!
 It is enough that God will see and bless!
 Labor while it is day; there's work for all,
 The Trestle Board proclaims it, and, alas!
 Too soon will night spread o'er its sable pall—
 Too soon the grave—the grave—from which there's no recall!

Clouds may obscure us—Slander may detract—
 The foes of Truth and rectitude unite;
 But while within our Mystic Sphere we act
 There lives no power can hinder or affright;
 The *Master's Eye* still oversees the right;
 Heaven's book records it with angelic pen;
 And when death's summons call us up the height
 A full reward for labor shall we gain
 In God's own Temple, free from sorrow, toil and pain."

Sixteen Councils have failed to make returns or pay dues for the past two years.

Companion C. G. HUDSON, for the committee on correspondence, gives a very able and elaborate report, in which he reviews the proceedings and tidings from all the Grand Councils except two, namely: New Hampshire and New Brunswick.

We quote from his closing remarks:

"What is our mission? And what is our work in the future? Our history has been one of grand success—prosperity has been ours. We have withstood the attacks and persecutions, of ignorance, superstition, fanaticism and bigotry. Every reverse has caused our Fraternity to shine forth with a more glorious lustre. May we be as full of virtue and love in prosperity as in adversity! There can be no doubt that the T. G. A. O. T. U., whom we worship, has given us prosperity, and smiles upon our organization and labors.

Whatever does not meet his approval has never endured. If the work has not been of God, it has come to naught. Time and its own inherent evils have wrought out its ruin.

And is not the Almighty Father bestowing his blessings, and raising up our Fraternity to bear a noble and prominent part in the grand work of humanity. and in those conflicts of the coming time, between light and darkness, between good and evil, which already begin to loom up in the future?

While we have nothing to do with sect or party, and can smile at infallible proscription and denunciation, the interest of our Fraternity and the desire for its continued existence, demand that we should be ever watchful, ever ready to detect and to thwart every attempt of darkness and ignorance against the world. For we are to some extent the depositories of liberty, of freedom, of thought, and of civilization.

It is part of our mission in the future to do our part to preserve these, and we should ever try to do our utmost to maintain and cultivate these principles in ourselves and the world at large.

Let our views widen, our thoughts expand. Let not our sole attention be concentrated on the ritual merely, and the initiation of candidates. Let us not meet so often in the *lowest valleys*, but more on the *highest hills*, where, with unimpeded vision, we can survey the world at large—men, times, principles—the future as well as the past.

May the Grand Master give us all a more piercing vision, a higher and nobler thought."

R. I. JOHN B. SACKETT, of Buffalo, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GEO. VAN VLEET, of New York, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Council held its second annual assembly at Lincoln, January 7th, 1875. All the constituent Councils were represented.

Grand Master WARREN, in his address, states that "absolute peace and quiet have reigned in this jurisdiction, and sometimes I have feared that it might be the prelude to the peace of death." and suggests that great assistance could be rendered in filling up the ranks with skilled workmen, by changing the constitution so as to permit Subordinate Councils to confer the degrees upon those who have received the Order of Knighthood for a less sum than ten dollars, and thus offer a kind of premium upon receiving the degrees.

The Grand Council, however, did not see fit to follow his suggestion. The action of the Grand Council in that regard we think was wise.

Comp. CHARLES F. GOODMAN was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN Grand Recorder.

There was no report on Correspondence.

OHIO.

Grand Council met at Dayton, September 8th, 1874. Fifty-four Subordinate Councils were represented.

Grand Master THEOBALD, in his annual address, favors the new ritual adopted at the New York Convention. He reports Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. In referring to the matter of General Grand Council he remarks:

“First—I believe it to be a proceeding of questionable authority.

Secondly—I think there is such a thing as being too much governed; the less the governing power the better for the governed.

Thirdly—It is an expensive luxury that will bear heavily on the financial department of its subordinates, for it is a well-established fact that Grand Bodies *cost*.”

Practical common sense—and to the point. We subscribe to that.

Comp. HENRY THEOBALD was re-elected Grand Master. Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Comp. CUNNINGHAM presented a very able Report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils.

ONTARIO.

We have received the proceedings of the fourth annual assembly of this Grand Council “over the border,” held at the city of Toronto, on the 25th day of August, 1874. Anno. Dep. 2874. Six out of the nine Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, Ill. Comp. DANIEL SPRY, in his annual address, very feelingly refers to the death of R. Ill. Comp. THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, Past R. P. Deputy Grand Master, and Inspector General of the Hamilton Division, who died at Hamilton, August 18th, 1874.

In referring to the condition of the Cryptic Rite, he says:

“From all the information that has reached me, I am happy to say that Cryptic Masonry continues to increase steadily in the province of Ontario.”

The Grand Master, on behalf of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted a very pleasing report, in which the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils are fairly and courteously reviewed.

WISCONSIN, 1874.

This Grand Council assembled at Milwaukee January 9th, 1874. Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, JOHN W. WOODHULL, during the year decided one question of Masonic Jurisprudence, to-wit:

“Question :—Is it necessary, to gain membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, that the applicant should be in possession of the S. E. Master’s degree? *Answer*—No.

This was approved by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and endorsed by the Grand Council.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. JOHN W. WOODHULL was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. WM. T. PALMER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1875.

Grand Council met at Milwaukee on the 15th day of February, 1875. Nine Councils represented.

Grand Master WOODHULL, in referring to the condition of Cryptic Masonry, in that jurisdiction, in his address, says:

"I am unable to speak exultingly of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction. The few Councils we have are, some of them, prosperous, while others are—well! not gasping, neither dying—simply breathing hard, and not even enough energy in this, to indicate any inward fever, but rather a quiet, sleepy mood, similar to that following the toothache. There are reasons for this, and the Companions will excuse me for calling their attention to a few of them.

There are some among us who, having been graciously permitted to wear the Templar 'feather,' without the pre-requisite of the Council degrees, very naturally conclude that any special effort or expense to 'heal' themselves would be superfluous; and even go so far as to deride the laudable efforts of those who, having the good of the craft at heart, are laboring for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry. This is ungenerous, and will, in time, be regretted by those who participate in such a course.

There are others who, having had the honor to labor in the S. V., and assist in the Dep., are unwilling to see any Masonry outside of the Commandery. All previous degrees, even the Grand Old Foundation to them, are only obstacles placed in their way by designing men, which, when once overcome, are of no further consequence, a thing of the past, unworthy of their consideration, and beneath the dignity of their lofty position. It is to such, a disagreeable task to lay off the gay trappings of a Templar, and put on the old Masonic, time-honored apron. They have forgotten (if they ever knew) that the apron is more honorable when worthily worn, than the Star and Garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon them by King, Prince, Potentate, or even an Eminent Commander.

There are others who can see no particular profit to accrue to them personally by endeavoring to advance the interests of any Masonic body, and especially one which is placed outside of the requisite line of promotion; and so long as they fail to see '*potat ahead*,' they remain, to say the least, in the position of those of whom Christ spoke when He said, '*He that is not for me is against me*.' These brethren love Masonry just so long and as much, as the benefits to be derived therefrom are great or small. They are the '*barnacles*'

on the side of the "Grand old Ship," and the sooner they are scraped off, the sooner will she be prepared to glide smoothly on her voyage, and land us in a harbor where barnacles cannot thrive."

The Grand Master very ably reviewed the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils in his Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. I. P. C. COTTRILL, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Master, and JOHN M. WOODHULL, of Berlin, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Well, here is our work, such as it is. Should it not be deemed fit to be deposited in the S. V., throw it aside among the rubbish. We can only say, "such as we have, give we unto you;" but of all things, don't set us down among those that *languish*.

If any are sleeping at their posts, put them aside and fill their places. We have two of the most beautiful and impressive degrees in the whole system of Masonry. What do we want of more? We may seek and obtain from the Commandery the "Red Cross" degree—but what shall we do with it when we get it? It has really no connection with Cryptic Masonry. But we can't get it—neither will the Chapter of R. A. Masons take us—they don't want us—they have no *fit* place to put us, in Capitular Masonry. We are just exactly in the right place—we have all we need. Neither do we care for that class of Masons, who are seeking the "Templar's feather," and would only make us a stepping stone to the Commandery. We don't endorse the idea of compulsion in Masonry. If our hand is sought at all, we desire it shall be for "Love," and that when we are wed, we shall not be set aside for a more showy mistress. None of that in ours—we prefer to remain single. But don't let us *languish*. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GROVE B. COOLEY,

For the Committee.

IN MEMORY OF

Companion Alfred E. Ames, Q. D.

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*First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Minnesota.*

*Grand High Priest of Grand Royal Arch
Chapter of Minnesota.*

*First Most Puissant Grand Master of
Grand Council of Minnesota.*

*Grand Commander of the Grand Com=
mandery Knights Templar
of Minnesota.*

BORN IN COLCHESTER, VERMONT, DECEMBER 18, A. D. 1814.

DIED AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SEPT. 23, A. D. 1874.

Death cannot sever his Remembrance from us.

ANNUAL RETURNS

—OF—

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

FOR THE YEAR 1876.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1,

ST. PAUL.

Regular Meetings, Second Monday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

G. W. MERRILL,	-	-	-	T. Ill. Master.
CHAS. LEONARD,	-	-	-	Right Ill. Master.
S. D. DOWNS,	-	-	-	P. C. W.
J. H. REANEY,	-	-	-	Treasurer.
JOS. C. P. ORDWAY,	-	-	-	Recorder.
HARRY BURMINGHAM,	-	-	-	Captain of the Guard.
WM. CARTER,	-	-	-	Conductor of the Council.
THEO. BURKHARD,	-	-	-	Marshal.
M. C. TEN EYCK,	-	-	-	Steward.
A. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	Sentinel.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

J. C. TERRY,	-	-	-	P. M. P. G. M.
WM. S. COMBS,	-	-	-	P. M. P. G. M.
H. L. CARVER,	-	-	-	P. R. L. D. G. M.
FRED. WOODBOURN,	-	-	-	R. L. D. G. M.

MEMBERS.

George S. Acker,	Hugh Hall,	C. N. Parker, Jr.,
William C. Ashton,	George Hunsacker,	George W. Prescott,
E. S. Beck,	J. R. Jenks,	E. D. B. Porter,
William F. Bailey,	William P. Jewett.	James P. Pond,

J. C. Braden,	Alfred Moore, Jr.,	James A. Richardson,
Joseph Bergfeld,	Rev. J. Marvin,	Frederick K. Richter,
George G. Barnum,	A. H. Merrick,	Henry Ray,
Thomas J. Connolly,	Charles Milne,	J. H. Stewart,
E. M. Cox,	J. A. McCloskey,	William A. Spencer,
Jesse W. Crouse,	R. C. Munger,	D. S. Stombs,
C. W. Carpenter,	R. F. Marvin,	Eugene M. Stower,
A. T. C. Cobb,	C. F. Mahler,	Fred. S. Swisher,
William Corlies,	J. H. Myers,	George W. Seymour,
William N. Cumbey,	D. A. Monfort,	William S. Underwood,
C. M. Dittmann,	Joseph Nelson,	I. P. Wright,
John H. Dodge,	Edgar Nash,	B. F. Wright,
J. M. Emerson,	C. W. Nash,	N. J. Watts,
Julian H. Gates,	William Neiman,	C. F. Yeager,
Philip S. Harris,	George L. Otis,	A. R. Young.

Passed the Circle during the year—5.

Total Membership—71.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular Meeting, First Thursday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

GEO. W. GOOLEY,	-	-	-	T.°, I.° Master.
G. B. COOLEY,	-	-	-	R.° I.° Master.
A. M. SHUEY,	-	-	-	P.° C.°, W.°.
A. A. AMES,	-	-	-	Treasurer.
W. A. SPAULDING,	-	-	-	Recorder.
E. McDERMOT,	-	-	-	Captain of the Guard.
M. P. HAWKINS,	-	-	-	Conductor of the Council.
J. B. CLOUGH,	-	-	-	M.°.
J. H. BORNHOLDT,	-	-	-	S.°.
GEO. M. HUNT,	-	-	-	Sentinel.

PAST T.° I.° MASTERS.

A. E. AMES,	-	-	-	P.° M.° P.° G.° M.°.
GEO. W. COOLEY,	-	-	-	P.° R.° I.° G.° M.°.
D. M. GOODWIN,	-	-	-	

MEMBERS.

R S Alden,	E B Ames,	Thos J Tuttle,
George A Camp,	F S Gilson,	J H Noble,
J H Stevens,	E C Pratt,	H G Hicks,
Jas Cyphers,	E L Aultman,	B R J Thaxter,
George A Savory,	D B Knickerbacker,	Thos Downing,
William Lochren,	J M Waldron,	J A Bowman,
A L Scott,	Charles McC Reeve,	C W Dearing,
H M Kent,	Herman Bisbee,	Chas H House,
Charles A Robinson,	Ira H Pierce,	R W Hanson,
C G McDuffie,	S J Wallace,	F E Brackett,
J. Vanderhorck,	Theodore Gross,	E W Storer,
W D Burwell,	J W Henion,	F D Carson,
H H Corson,	G G Wells,	S N Stewart.
Christopher Greeley,	I W Geer,	

Passed the Circle during the year—1.

Total Membership—53.

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular Meeting, Third Monday in Each Month.

OFFICERS.

D. M. BALDWIN,	-	-	-	T.: I.: Master.
S. B. FOOT,	-	-	-	R.: I.: Master.
O. WHITMAN,	-	-	-	P.: C.: W.:
J. C. HAWES,	-	-	-	Captain of the Guard.
CHARLES SWANSON,	-	-	-	Conductor of the Council.
ROBERT KRIEGER,	-	-	-	Treasurer.
S. J. WILLARD,	-	-	-	Recorder.
WM. B. WILLIAMS,	-	-	-	Steward.
P. F. GLARDEN,	-	-	-	Sentinel.

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

FRED. JOSS,	-	-	-	P.: M.: P.: G.: M.:
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS.

Pascal Smith,	Chas R Brink,	W J Whitney,
W E Hawkins,	E L Baker,	J B Dorman,
R B Kellogg,	M. Herschler,	Charles Griswold,
W W Sweney,	Andrew Allen,	E J Comer,
E F Dodge,	W O Dodge,	Wm Eisenbrand,
I M Richter,	L C Smith,	D B Clark,
Abraham Howe, Jr,	E H Dean,	John Bosworth,
Wm P Brown,	E H Holsey,	John H Sparrell.

Passed the Circle during the year—1.

Total Membership—34.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

EAST MINNEAPOLIS.

OFFICERS.

WM. LOCHREN,	T.: I.: Master.
M. W. GETCHELL,	R.: I.: Master.
F. L. SMITH,	P.: C.: W.:
_____	Treasurer.
_____	Recorder.
_____	Captain of the Guard.
_____	Conductor of the Council.
_____	Marshal.
_____	Steward.
_____	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

H. M. Kent,	John W. Henion,
C. Greeley,	S. N. Whitney,
J. Chase,	E. C. Pratt,
John Wilson,	R. S. Alden.

Total Membership—11.



ADDRESS
OF THE
GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

ELECTED JANUARY 12TH. A. D. 1876. A. C. DEP. 2876.

G. W. COOLEY, Minneapolis,..... M. P. G. M.
FRED. WOODBOURN, St. Paul..... R. I. D. G. M.
D. M. BALDWIN, Red Wing..... R. I. G. M.
G. W. MERRILL, St. Paul,..... Grand P. C. W.
M. W. GETCHELL, Minneapolis,..... Grand Treasurer.
THEO. BURKHARD, St. Paul,.. .. Grand Recorder.
GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis,..... Committee on Foreign Cor.



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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

Held at Minneapolis, Minn., September 13th, 1876.

Special Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of State of Minnesota, held at hall of Adoniram Council No. 5, at Minneapolis, September 13th, 1876, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Illustrious Companion WM. S. COMBS, as M. P. G. M.
Illustrious Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, as R. I. D. G. M.
Illustrious Companion D. M. BALDWIN, R. I. M.
Illustrious Companion JOHN NOBLE, C. G.
Illustrious Companion JOHN W. HENION, C. C.
Illustrious Companion FRED JOSS, G. S.
Illustrious Companion G. W. COOLEY, Recorder.
Illustrious Companion M. W. GETCHELL, Treasurer.
Illustrious Companion S. N. WHITNEY, Sentinel.

Grand Council opened in ample form by Past Most Puissant G. M. Wm. S. Combs.

Most Puissant Grand Master Geo. W. Cooley stated to the companions present the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of considering the report of the committee in the matter of the charges preferred against Companion R. H. Gove.

On motion the report of the committee was then received and the Grand Council proceeded to take action thereon, the result of which action was that Companion R. H. Gove was indefinitely suspended.

Grand Council then closed in ample form.

G. W. COOLEY,
Recorder pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

Annual Assembly.

GRAND COUNCIL ROOM, MASONIC HALL,
Corner Washington Ave. and Second Ave. South.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, convened in Annual Assembly in the city of Minneapolis, (in accordance with a resolution adopted at its last Annual Assembly,) on Monday, June 25th, A. D. 1877, A. C. Dep. 2877.

PRESENT.

Most Illustrious Geo. W. Cooley, Grand Master.

Right Illustrious Dwight M. Baldwin, as Deputy Grand Master.

Right Illustrious G. W. Merrill, Grand P. C. of the W.:

Right Illustrious Moses W. Getchell, Grand Treasurer.

Right Illustrious Theodore Burkhard, Grand Recorder.

Right Illustrious Grove B. Cooley, Grand Chaplain.

Right Illustrious Albert A. Ames, Grand C.: of the G.:

Right Illustrious Benjamin F. Wright, Past Grand Recorder.

Right Illustrious E. G. Covington, Past Grand C.: of the G.:

Together with the representatives of the following Councils:

S. Paul Council No. 1, James P. Pond, T.: I.: M.:.

Minneapolis Council No. 2, Ed McDermott, T.: J.: M.:

Grove B. Cooley, R.: I.: M.:

Tyrian Council No. 4, Fred Joss, T.: I.: M.:

S. B. Foot, R.: I.: M.:

Adoniram Council No. 5, John W. Henion, R.: I.: M.:

Fred. L. Smith, P.: C.: W.:

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

On motion of Illustrious Companion D. M. Baldwin all companions Royal and Select Masters in good standing were invited to seats as visitors in this Grand Council during this session.

On motion of Right Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley the reading of the minutes of the previous assembly were dispensed

with (printed copies being in the hands of the companions present).

The Grand Recorder announced the appointment by the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the following

COMMITTEES:

On Credentials—Illustrious Companions Ed. McDermott, S. B. Foot and J. W. Henion.

On Grand Master's Address—Illustrious Companions Grove B. Cooley, Fred Joss and Dwight M. Baldwin.

On Returns—Illustrious Companions Fred L. Smith, A. A. Ames and Wm. H. Spaulding.

On Appeals and Grievances—Illustrious Companions Dwight M. Baldwin, J. W. Henion and G. W. Merrill.

On Finance—Illustrious Companions James P. Pond, Fred. Joss and S. B. Foot.

On Jurisprudence—Illustrious Companions Grove B. Cooley, Fred. L. Smith and James P. Pond.

On Foreign Correspondence—Illustrious Companions Grove B. Cooley, Theodore Burkhard and Fred. L. Smith.

The Committee on Credentials reported as entitled to seats in this Grand Council, the Grand Officers and Representatives of Subordinate Councils as before enumerated. The report was adopted. Ed. McDermott, S. B. Foot and J. W. Henion, Committee.

Most Illustrious Geo. W. Cooley, Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

At this, our Eighth Annual Assembly, I desire to congratulate you upon the favorable auspices, under which we are gathered together, although but one new Council has been added to our number, yet, never in the history of Cryptic Masonry in this State has our growth been so steady and rapid as during the past eighteen months, and our select circle being small I have the satisfaction of knowing that among those who have entered the unguarded door, are companions in whose hands the interests of our beautiful order are safe, and who will exercise wisdom, discretion and zeal in its promotion.

My official duties since our last assembly have not been arduous. On the evening of March 26th, 1876, with the assistance of a few of the officers of this Grand Body, I constituted Adoniram Council, No. 5, which, with a good charter roll of experienced companions, and a score or more of applications, started off more favorably than any of its predecessors, and will be expected at this, its first report, to the Grand Council to exhibit a good record.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

To say that I have visited all the Councils in the jurisdiction, will not necessarily imply a great amount of labor.

I have on two different occasions visited St. Paul Council No. 1, and assisted in conferring the degrees and giving instructions to the companions. During my last visit there was apparent a determination, on the part of the members, to materially improve the condition of the Council and their standing in the Order.

The Councils at Minneapolis have been visited several times during my term of office. They are in splendid condition and doing good work, as will be shown by their present report.

On the evening of June 18th, 1877, I visited Tyrian Council No. 4, at Red Wing, and conferred the degrees upon four candidates. During my visit I was pleased to see an increased interest manifested, and received the assurance of the companions that Tyrian Council should soon be placed in as good condition as any in the State.

It is hardly necessary at present to offer any advice upon the subject of visitation; our Councils being few, can generally be visited without any great expense upon the part of the Grand Officers, but I cannot let the opportunity pass without urging upon the companions you may elect to occupy the principal stations, to visit occasionally the Councils near their places of residence. Such visits are hailed with pleasure by the companions and may be made profitable to the order.

Last September I received a circular from Illustrious Companion Geo. M. Osgoodby, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, which reads as follows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NUNDA, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1876.

Most Illustrious Companion:

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council of this State, held at the Masonic Temple in the city of New York, on the 12th and 13th insts., there was a committee, consisting of myself as chairman, and M. I. Past Grand Master John D. Williams, and Illustrious Companion the Rev. Charles G. Hudson, appointed to attend in behalf of this Grand Council the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to be held at Cleveland in August next, to present and urge upon the Grand Encampment the adoption of the Cryptic degrees as a pre-requisite to the degrees of Knighthood, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by this Grand Council to attend the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to urge that the Council degrees be made pre-requisite to the orders of Knighthood be, and they are hereby vested with full power to propose a plan, or basis, upon which such action may be had by such Grand Encampment, and that this Grand Council will carry out and fulfill the terms of such plan, or basis, which may be agreed upon by such Committee.

In compliance with this resolution, the Committee will attend as desired, and as the present time seems to be a favorable one to urge the desired action upon the Grand Encampment, it is earnestly desired that all Grand Councils should take similar action, appointing of their best and most influential Companions a similar

committee with like powers. The committees should be composed of Knights Templar, so as to entitle them to a seat in the body to be so visited.

I submit this matter for your consideration, and should be pleased to receive from you suggestions in regard to it. A committee was also appointed to visit the Grand Commandery of this State and urge its co-operation in this matter, which I would also recommend.

With kind regards and assurances of high esteem, I am fraternally and faithfully yours,

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
Grand Master.

To Most Illustrious Geo. W. Cooley, Grand Master of the State of Minnesota.

As my views coincide very nearly with those expressed therein, I have called this assembly before the meeting of the Grand Commandery in order that action may be taken in time to present such a communication, if the Grand Council so desire. Whatever may be the result, Companions, I am firmly convinced that our order can live, independently of the orders of Knighthood. The experience of the past year has proved to my satisfaction, that, where a good and zealous corps of officers have charge of a subordinate Council, that Council will flourish. I would, however, ask your immediate action in this matter.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL, NO. 3.

At our last regular assembly the charter of this Council was declared forfeited, and the Grand Recorder was directed to notify that body of such action. Acting under these orders, the Grand Recorder opened a correspondence with Companions at Rochester, endeavoring to learn the name and address of the Thrice Illustrious Master. After an unsatisfactory correspondence of several months, a letter was received from R. H. Gove, which was referred to me, and by me answered. The ensuing correspondence and his neglect to regard the orders of the Grand Council, seemed to me sufficient reasons for causing charges to be preferred against him, which was accordingly done, and resulted in his being indefinitely suspended. The particulars of the trial and sentence, being a matter of record; need not be given here. I shortly after received the charter from Companion E. C. Cross, with a request for permission to call a meeting of the Companions to consider the situation, which request was accordingly granted.

Further researches failed to discover any treasures, in fact, I understand that their coffers were empty, and there never appeared any great necessity for a record book or register. The Council evidently died an early death, from a lack of harmony and interest. I have received no further request for a dispensation authorizing them to begin anew, although I would gladly have aided them to revive their Council had there appeared any disposition to do so.

REPRESENTATIVES.

At the Annual Assembly held January, 1874, a resolution was passed adopting the system of representatives, but as no appointments had been made, I appointed

the following companions to represent this Grand Council at the several Grand Councils named:

Wm. W. McCollum to Grand Council of Alabama.
 Geo. T. Grimes to Grand Council of California.
 Fred. H. Waldron to Grand Council of Connecticut.
 Jno. Carlovitz to Grand Council of Florida.
 Thos. J. Perry to Grand Council of Georgia.
 L. R. Jerome to Grand Council of Illinois.
 A. B. King to Grand Council of New York.
 David S. Fisher to Grand Council of Ohio.
 J. F. C. Dupre to Grand Council of South Carolina.
 W. R. Shaver to Grand Council of Tennessee.
 W. H. Porter to Grand Council of Ontario.
 Albert P. Charles to Grand Council of Indiana.
 Rob't F. Bower to Grand Council of Iowa.
 G. J. Pinckard to Grand Council of Louisiana.
 Chas. J. Collamore to Grand Council of Maine.
 Chas. J. Danforth to Grand Council of Massachusetts.
 B. S. Trice to Grand Council of Mississippi.
 Allen McDowell to Grand Council of Missouri.
 Alexandre D. Clarke to Grand Council of Nebraska.
 Thos. H. R. Redway to Grand Council of New Jersey.
 Geter C. Shidle to Grand Council of Pennsylvania.
 Rev. Henry W. Rugg to Grand Council of Rhode Island.
 Albert C. Hubbell to Grand Council of Vermont.
 J. P. C. Cottrill to Grand Council of Wisconsin.

And recommended the names of several members of the Order in this State as being acceptable to this Grand Council as representatives to this body. Several of the commissions have been received and I would recommend that they be confirmed.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

From a careful perusal of the proceedings of sister Grand Councils I find that our Grand Council is more widely known at this time than ever before. I attribute this to the printing of our proceedings and the last able report on Foreign Correspondence by Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley. This report has been quoted from by nearly all the Foreign Correspondence Committees, and I believe has had a good effect, both upon other Grand Councils and the order generally. An able, interesting report of proceedings and correspondence, written not only as a matter of duty and form, but to show to the companions abroad that our Order lives and flourishes, has a tendency to stimulate other companions to renewed activity, and a desire to maintain their position in the Order.

I would earnestly recommend that the proceedings be printed and distributed

every year, and that the correspondence be continued. The chairman of this committee undoubtedly has a greater share of the work than falls to the lot of any other officer, and I would recommend that whenever possible, such appropriation as the funds of the Grand Council will permit, be made, to compensate him for his labor.

Let other Grand Councils see that we are bound to maintain our Order here, whether our degrees are made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood or not, and we may thus assist in the preservation and continuance of the Cryptic Rite.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MARYLAND.

On the 12th of May, 1874, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland assembled in Baltimore and organized a Grand Council. As we have never taken any official action in regard thereto, I would suggest that a resolution be offered officially recognizing the said Grand Council.

ASSESSMENTS AND DUES.

There being no funds in the treasury, at the last assembly I made, by and with the consent and advice of other officers of this body, an assessment on the subordinate Councils amounting to forty cents per member, to meet the expense of printing the proceedings. The assessment was cheerfully and readily paid, and served to liquidate the cost of printing. No assessment was made on Adoniram Council No. 5, owing to its having just been organized, and of course not in a position to respond without an extra tax on its charter members. I hope this action will meet with your approval. And while upon this subject, I would call your attention to the very small amount of dues exacted from subordinate Councils; at present our revenue is one dollar for each candidate. This alone is insufficient, and I would advise that a further assessment of twenty-five cents upon each member in good standing be made yearly, as is done in nearly all other jurisdictions to meet the expenses of the Grand Council.

ANNUAL ADDRESSES.

In looking over our past proceedings, I find that our Past Grand Master, the late Illustrious Companion A. F. Ames, delivered the first and only address that has been presented to the Order until the present time. This neglect to deliver addresses has been repeatedly and conspicuously noted by our sister Grand Councils, and what was once considered a necessity appears to have been a task too arduous for accomplishment.

If an address from the Grand Master is necessary, or has a tendency to create a greater interest, why not introduce the system into the subordinate Councils and require Thrice Illustrious Masters to deliver an annual address to the Companions. An annual assembly in the subordinate Councils is an interesting occasion, and many Companions are then present who are prevented from attending the regular assemblies. These Companions, many of whom never attend the assemblies of the Grand Council, should all be enlightened upon the general working of the Order, its condition, resources and responsibilities, and an address from their Master would serve

to heighten their appreciation of the Order, and perhaps create a greater interest. There are few Masters who could not spare sufficient time to produce an acceptable address, which might be printed, if desired, with our proceedings. Then we could send abroad a book of proceedings that would be a credit to us and a desirable acquisition to Cryptic literature.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

At the convention of R. & S. Masters to be held at Buffalo on the 20th of August 1877, the subject of the formation of a General Grand Council will be brought up for discussion, together with the pre-requisite question. In regard to the formation of a General Grand Council there appears to be a great diversity of opinion. I should be inclined to favor it, for I can see no other way by which a uniformity in work and titles can be secured, or concerted action of any kind taken. The conventions which have previously been held have demonstrated this fact beyond a doubt. As to the expense, if the meetings were held triennially, this surely could be no great objection. The matter is referred to you for further consideration, and I would ask that you take some steps looking to a representation of this Grand Council at that convention.

By way of contrast to my opinion upon the several subjects heretofore presented, and for your information I submit the following circular received from the Grand Council of Mississippi :

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. MASTERS OF MISSISSIPPI, }
OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER, }
JACKSON, October 23rd, 1876. }

E. S. Companion :

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, held in February last, a series of resolutions were adopted, touching the condition of Council Masonry in this and other jurisdictions, and the multiplication of other Grand Bodies. It was made my duty to lay this subject before your Grand Council, and I fraternally ask that you transmit a copy of this communication to the M. S. I. Grand Master and to the Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The M. S. I. Grand Master, Comp. Harvey W. Walter, having read his annual Address to the Grand Council, the same was referred to a special committee, consisting of Companions Charles T. Murphy, Wm. French and J. L. Finley, which committee reported as follows :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. S. I. Grand Master, H. W. Walter, respectfully report that the portion of his address which is in the words following: "The Royal Arch Degree, stripped of most of its real beauties by the severance of the Royal and Select Degrees from it, proves of but little attraction to its recipients. Dissatisfied with the Exalted Degree, he seeks no further advancement in Ancient Freemasonry, and, without any knowledge of the real beauty and value of our Degrees, hastens to the more attractive, but, perhaps not less beautiful and instructive Degrees of the Encampment. The result is that many Royal Arch Masons are such in name only, possessing the form but destitute of the spirit of the Degree. The evil is a serious one. What shall be the remedy? I can but repeat, in part, what I said in closing my address a year ago. In my opinion, the crying evil of our Order is the splitting of Degrees and the multiplication of Grand Bodies. Had I the power, I would blot out every Council and Grand

Council in existence, as independent organizations. I would yield the Past Master's Degree to the Grand Lodge, where it properly belongs, as an honorary Degree, and would blend the Most Excellent Master with the Master's, and the Royal and Select Master with the Royal Arch, making it the Royal Degree it should be, and giving to it its ancient form and beauty. I would create Grand Chapters that would work this and the Mark Degree alone. I would cut down the Reports of Proceedings, and Committees of Foreign Correspondence, and would no longer tolerate our many Grand Bodies to eat up the substance and waste the charity funds of our Order, and from this saving would erect some Grand Charity that would gladden the hearts of 'helpless orphans and destitute widows,' and that would challenge the respect and win the admiration of mankind. This change of ritual and organization cannot, however, be done by this Grand Council alone, nor do I recommend it. It cannot be affected by the joint action of the several Grand Bodies, of any number of States, but they may advise, and could thus, probably, secure some Grand Convocation of the Cryptic and Capitular Grand Bodies of all countries, that might produce uniformity of work, recall the Ancient Charges and Regulations, and make the Mason of every clime and nation confer the same Degree and speak the same Masonic language,—"

Accurately and fully expresses the sense of this Grand Council and that, to the end that other Grand Councils, as well as the several Grand Masonic Bodies, may concur and co-operate with this Grand Council to accomplish the objects suggested in said Address, we offer the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to forward a copy of this Report to the several Grand Masonic Bodies with whom this Grand Council, the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Mississippi, are in fraternal correspondence—respectfully inviting their attention and consideration.

The following resolution was also adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, or its committee, on the subject of the propriety of uniting the Degrees of Royal and Select Master with those of the Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. POWER,
Grand Recorder.

The natural result of such a sentiment is expressed in the following report :

To all Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi:

The following report of a Joint Committee of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masters, adopted by these Grand Bodies at their recent Convocation and Assembly in the city of Vicksburg, February 5th and 6th, 1877, is communicated for the information and government of the several subordinate Chapters and Councils in the State of Mississippi:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi:

The undersigned, a Committee of the Most excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Mississippi, appointed by these Grand Bodies respectively, to present an arrangement by which the Degrees of the Grand Council are to be transferred to the Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master be and the same is hereby transferred to the Grand Chapter, and shall hereafter be conferred as follows:

1. Each Royal Arch Chapter shall hereafter open within its bosom, under its charter as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master; the officers of the Chapter, corresponding in rank to those of the Council, to be the officers of the Council.

2. All Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master shall be entitled to have the same conferred, or communicated, on

their request, and without charge, but candidates who shall hereafter receive the Royal Arch degree shall immediately thereafter, and in connection with the Royal Arch degree, receive the degree of Royal Master and Select Master, without additional charge.

3. All present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Council, and all present and past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils, shall be entitled to participate in all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, but without a vote therein, until the Constitution can be so amended as to permit them to vote as other Past Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter.

4. The General Grand Chapter of the United States is most earnestly, but respectfully, petitioned to permit the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master to be conferred as a part of the Royal Arch Degree, the former before the Royal Arch and the latter after.

5. The officers of the Grand Council shall be elected, in order to preserve the organization, pending the approval of the action by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Faternally submitted,

J. M. HOWRY,
H. W. WALTER,
E. GEO. DELAP,

For the Grand Council.

FREDERIC SPEED,
R. P. BOWEN,
JNO. A. DICKS,

For the Grand Chapter.

By this action:

1. All Councils of Royal and Select Masters ceased to exist.

2. The degrees of "Royal Master" and "Select Master" will hereafter be conferred, or communicated in the several Royal Arch Chapters and upon *Royal Arch Masons* only, and as follows: The Chapter being opened in the Royal Arch Degree, a Council of Royal and Select Masters will then be opened in these degrees respectively. After completing its work, the Council will be closed, with all due forms and ceremonies, and the business of the Chapter resumed or closed, as occasion may require, in the Royal Arch Degree.

3. Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees of Royal and Select Master may have them conferred, or communicated, without fee, in open Council. But in all cases the Chapter must be regularly convened and a Council formally opened.

4. Companions hereafter receiving the Royal Arch Chapter Degree, will be advanced to the Royal Master's, and afterwards to the Select Master's Degree—the Chapter being first opened, and then the Council, as before directed.

5. In Chapters, where there are not a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters, and when a sufficient number cannot conveniently be assembled from neighboring Chapters, to complete the Council, the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master may be communicated, by any competent companion, to a sufficient number of the companions of the Royal Arch, to open a Council, preferably to the officers of the Chapter, if there be any such who have not received these degrees. The intention being to *communicate the degrees only in case of absolute necessity*, it being expected that the officers of each Chapter will, at the earliest practicable date, qualify themselves to *work* the Council Degrees, the same as the Degrees of the Chapter are required to be worked; and after they have so qualified themselves, in no case will the Council Degrees be communicated.

6. It is recommended that the T. I. M. of each Council cause its members to assemble at the earliest convenient day, and provide for the disposition of its property and effects, by transferring the same to the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the Council has hitherto been held, and where a preponderance of its members hold their membership. In cases where the membership is divided between two or more Chapters, it is suggested that the property be divided between them or donated to the Chapter having the least ability to provide itself with the necessary paraphernalia of the Council Degrees. In cases where the Councils are in debt, the assets should be sold to some Chapter, and proceeds applied to settlement of outstanding obliga-

tions. It is particularly to be hoped that the cause of Masonry will not be disgraced by the neglect or failure of any Council to provide for the payment of its debts. A small contribution from its members will generally suffice to enable the poorest Council to dissolve honorably, and without leaving a stain upon the Masonic name and character. The surplus funds of Councils may be disposed of at their pleasure, but dues to the "Grand Council" must, in all cases be paid when the Councils have the ability to do so.

7. The Charters of all Subordinate Councils will be returned to the Grand Recorder. And it is recommended that the records and seals of each Council be deposited with that officer for preservation.

8. Presiding officers of Councils will in all cases report their action to the Grand Recorder.

9. A copy of this Edict will be duly certified to each Chapter by the Grand Secretary, and the same will be its sufficient warrant as a Council of Royal and Select Masters, until the Grand Chapter shall otherwise provide.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seals of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter and the Most Puissant Grand Council to be affixed this 24th day of February, 1877.

H. W. WALTER,
Grand High Priest.
W. G. PAXTON,
Grand Master.

Attest:

J. L. POWER,
Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder.

OUR "WORK."

The Companions are no doubt aware that the work, as practised by us, is very imperfect, especially as it provides for no appropriate closing ceremonies. The work recommended by the Convention, and known as the Convention work, has been adopted by about two-thirds of the States, and I would suggest that the Grand Council take some steps toward adopting it, together with the nomenclature of titles, as also recommended. I have made an effort to procure a copy of this work for the purpose of exemplification at this assembly, but by reason of an unfortunate delay have been unsuccessful. I have the assurance, however, of receiving it in a short time, and would suggest that a committee be appointed, with authority to adopt it as the standard work of this jurisdiction if they deem it advisable.

I have been called upon for no official decisions during my term of office, and have granted dispensations for only a few minor purposes. With one exception, perfect harmony has been the rule throughout the jurisdiction, and our companionship is complete.

DECEASED COMPANIONS.

Although no information has been received by me of the death of any member of this Grand Council, yet I feel that you will all join with me in heartfelt sorrow for the loss of our Illustrious Companion George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri, whose sad and untimely death has brought sorrow to other hearts than ours, and to whose worth and memory we should offer the tribute of our brotherly love and affection. Masonry has lost a zealous Brother, our

nation a just and upright citizen, and over the ashes of our departed Companion we mourn with our sister Grand Council of Missouri the loss of one whose labors will be a lasting monument to his memory.

It becomes also my painful duty to inform you of the death of our Representative near the Grand Council of Massachusetts, Illustrious Companion Chas. J. Danforth, Grand Master of that body, tidings of which I have just received from the Grand Recorder in an obituary circular to his memory. I have directed our Grand Recorder to transmit to the Grand Council of Massachusetts an expression of our sympathy, and a request for the name of a Companion to be appointed as his successor.

Before closing, Companions, I feel it my duty to again urge upon you, and especially upon my successor, whatever may have been my failings in this respect, the necessity of working diligently and faithfully to promote the interests of the Cryptic rite. Let us determine that we can and will succeed, and the victory is half won. Our ranks are filled with men who have made Masonry what it is—men who have labored faithfully and long, and those who are not of us have never appreciated the position we hold in the order.

To the Mason who is desirous of progression without improvement the Council is but a way station. He may reach the end of his journey, and never know that the little way station by the roadside contained the secret work that binds the Grand Fabric of Masonry into one complete and harmonious whole. He has found the sacred treasures, but knows as little about how they were deposited as the profane himself.

There are pages in the history of Cryptic Masonry bright with the records of our illustrious predecessors—pages sacred to the memory of those who have labored with us and gone to their just reward, and with these records of the past spread before us, stimulating us to renewed exertions for the good of our Order, and reminding us of the labors and faithfulness of our departed Companions. Let us then labor diligently to complete that inner temple for God's eternal praise, and be ready to sleep in peace, as the night cometh, when no man can work.

In conclusion, Companions, I offer you my earnest thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy I have received during my term of office, and return to you the gavel with which you so kindly invested me, with my best wishes for your own welfare and the good of our Order.

The Committee on Returns made the following report :

To the Puissant Grand Council of R.: and S.: M.: of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have examined the returns of St. Paul Council No. 1., Minneapolis Council No. 2, Tyrian Council No. 4, and Adoniram Council No. 5, and find them substantially correct.

ABSTRACT OF WORK.

St. Paul Council No. 1.—Passed the circle, 2 ; paid, \$2.00.

Minneapolis Council No. 2.—Passed the circle, 19; paid, \$19.

Tyrian Council No. 4.—Passed the circle, 6; paid, \$6.00.

Adoniram Council No. 5.—Passed the circle, 25; paid, \$25.00.

Total income from returns, \$52.00.

Total passed the circle, 52.

Total membership, —

FRED L. SMITH, ALBERT A. AMES, WM. A. SPAULDING,	}	Committee.
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The report was adopted.

The following Companions presented their credentials as Representatives of sister Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Minnesota, when, on motion, they were received and accredited as said Representatives:

Most Illustrious Geo. W. Cooley, Iowa, Missouri and New York.

Past Most Illustrious Fred. Joss, Wisconsin.

Right Illustrious Benjamin F. Wright, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Right Illustrious Moses W. Getchell, Georgia and Mississippi.

Right Illustrious Grove B. Cooley, Illinois, Maine and Ontario.

Right Illustrious Albert A. Ames, Maryland.

Right Illustrious Theodore Burkhard, Nebraska and Tennessee.

Right Illustrious Fred. L. Smith, California.

Right Illustrious D. M. Baldwin, New Jersey.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address for subdivision and reference offered the following report, which was, on motion received and its recommendations adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee on the Address of the M.°. I.°. Grand Master respectfully report and recommend as follows:

That so much of said address as relates to the appointment of a committee to attend in behalf of this Grand Council the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to be held in Cleveland, O., in August next, to report and urge upon the Grand Encampment the adoption of Cryptic degrees as prerequisite to the degrees of Knighthood, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to Grand Council of Maryland be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much as refers to assessments and dues be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as refers to General Grand Council be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to adopting a uniformity of work be referred to committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to deceased Companions be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

GROVE B. COOLEY, FRED. JOSS, DWIGHT M. BALDWIN.	}	Committee.
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The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following committees, in compliance with the foregoing report :

Special Committee to attend Grand Commandery—A. A. Ames, M. W. Getchell, and Dwight M. Baldwin.

Special Committee on General Grand Council—Dwight M. Baldwin, Ed. McDermott, and Theodore Burkhard.

Special Committee on Deceased Companions—Grove B. Cooley, G. W. Merrill, and Moses W. Getchell.

Special Committee on Residue of Address—G. W. Merrill, J. W. Henion, and James P. Pond.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer submitted their annual accounts, which were, on motion, received and referred to Committee on Finance.

MASONIC HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, June 25, 1877.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Minnesota.

The Grand Recorder would herewith respectfully submit his account current for your approval :

RECEIPTS.

To amount received from Grand Treasurer	\$ 21 00
To amount received from special assessments	61 05
Dues from St. Paul Council No. 1	2 00
Dues from Minneapolis Council No. 2	19 00
Dues from Tyrian Council No. 4	6 00
Dues from Adoniram Council No. 5	25 00
	\$134 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing proceedings	\$ 65 00
Postage, printing and stationery	19 05
Turned over to Grand Treasurer	50 00
	\$134 05

THEO. BURKHARD,
Grand Recorder.

MASONIC HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, June 25, 1877.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R.: and S.: M.: of Minnesota :

The Grand Treasurer would herewith respectfully submit his account for your approval :

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, July 11th	\$47 00
To cash received from Theodore Burkhard, Grand Recorder	22 00
To cash received from Theodore Burkhard, Grand Recorder, June 25th, 1877	50 00
	<hr/> \$119 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount paid Benjamin F. Wright	\$ 3 00
To amount paid Grand Recorder for printing	66 00
To balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	50 00
	<hr/> \$119 00

MOSES W. GETCHELL,

Grand Recorder.

Upon motion it was—

Resolved, That the committee appointed to attend the meeting of the Grand Commandery in behalf of this Grand Council are hereby requested and instructed to introduce a resolution therein providing that the Cryptic Degrees be made prerequisite to the order of Knighthood, and requesting the favorable action of that body in regard thereto at the meeting of the Grand Encampment.

Which was on motion adopted.

Illustrious Companion James P. Pond, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that we have examined the accounts of Right Illustrious Companions Moses W. Getchell, Grand Treasurer, and Theodore Burkhard, Grand Recorder, and find the same correct. Balance in hand of Grand Treasurer, \$50.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. POND, }
FRED. JOSS, } Committee.
S. B. FOOT, }

The Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances made a verbal report, stating that—

Peace and harmony seems to reign within our borders, as no alleged grievance has been presented for our consideration.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, }
J. W. HENION, } Committee.
G. W. MERRILL, }

On motion, the Most Puissant Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 26th, }
8:30 o'clock A. M. }

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

Right Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the Grand Council of Maryland, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Minnesota have learned with pleasure of the formation of the Grand Council of Maryland, and cheerfully extend the hand of recognition, and welcome her as a sister among the American system of Grand Councils

GROVE B. COOLEY,
THEODORE BURKHARD, } Committee.
FRED. L. SMITH,

Right Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley, from the Committee on Deceased Companions, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota :

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address as relates to the death of Illustrious Companion George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of the State of Missouri, and also of the death of Illustrious Companion Charles J. Danforth, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Massachusetts, and Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Massachusetts, respectfully report that they can in no better way express their views and feelings, under this sad bereavement, than as expressed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master in his address, and would therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That as an evidence of the high esteem and appreciation in which the deceased Companions were held by this Grand Council, the Grand Recorder is directed to devote a memorial page to each of the deceased Companions, with name and Masonic rank.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
G. W. MERRILL, } Committee.
MOSES W. GETCHELL.

Right Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley, from the Com-

mittee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to work and nomenclature, respectfully report that the views of your committee fully concur with those expressed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and would therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That the work and nomenclature of the New York Convention held at the city of New York in 1873 be adopted as the work and nomenclature of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota.

Your committee would also submit the following amendments to the Constitution, and recommend that the same be adopted.

Section 1 of Article 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 1. The Grand Council shall be designated The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2 of Article 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 2. The officers of this Grand Council shall be—

1. The Most Illustrious Grand Master.
2. The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
4. The Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer.
5. The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

Who shall be severally elected by ballot at the annual assembly of the Grand Council.

6. The Grand Captain of the Guard.
7. The Grand Conductor of the Council.
8. The Grand Chaplain.
9. The Grand Marshal.
10. The Grand Steward.
11. The Grand Sentinel.

Who shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Section 6 of Article 1 shall be amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 6. No Illustrious Companion shall be eligible to either of the first three offices, who has not presided as Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council.

Section 9 of said Article 1 shall be amended by striking out the word "Puissant" before the words "Grand Master," and inserting instead thereof the word "Illustrious," so that the same shall read, "Most Illustrious Grand Master."

Section 11 of said Article 1 shall be amended by striking out the word "Puissant," wherever the same occurs, and inserting instead thereof the word "Illustrious."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
FRED L. SMITH,
JAMES P. POND, } Committee.

The same committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, reported as follows, which was, upon motion, unanimously adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit: "*Resolved, That Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Council be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to define who or what Past Grand officers come within the meaning or intent of said Sec. 3 of Article 1,*" would respectfully report that, in the opinion of your Committee, all Past Grand officers, either elective or appointed, as may be affiliated under this jurisdiction, come within the meaning of said section, and all members of this Grand Council. We would therefore offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows, to wit :

SECTION 3. The Grand Council shall consist of the Grand officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, and the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Right Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work of subordinate Councils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GROVE B. COOLEY, }
FRED. L. SMITH, } Committee.
JAMES P. POND. }

Upon motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Sec. 2 of Article 3 of the Constitution of this Grand Council be amended so as to read as follows :

No article or section of this Constitution shall be altered or amended except at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present of this Grand Council.

Illustrious Companion James P. Pond, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Puissant Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Masters's address as relates to dues to Grand Council and assessments upon subordinate Councils, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under advisement, and deem it inexpedient to do so at this time, but would recommend that a per capita assessment be made upon each subordinate Council to cover any defi-

ciency that may occur in defraying the actual and necessary expenses of this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES P. POND,
S. B. FOOT,
FRED. JOSS. } Committee.

Right Illustrious Companion Dwight M. Baldwin, from the Committee on General Grand Council, submitted the following report :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Minnesota, now in session :

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address as relates to the formation of a General Grand Council of the United States, respectfully report that they fully concur in the opinion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master with reference thereto, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Most Illustrious Geo. W. Cooley be appointed to represent this Grand Council at the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in the city of Buffalo in August next, and that this Grand Council will endorse such action as he may take in the matter.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
ED. McDERMOTT,
THEODORE BURKHARD, } Committee.

When the same, having been put to vote, was not adopted.

Right Illustrious Companion G. W. Merrill, from the Committee on Residue of Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Minnesota :

Your committee to whom was referred the residue of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address, respectfully report that they desire to endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master in regard to grand visitation, and would urge upon the principal officers to visit as often as possible the subordinate Councils. Your committee also believe with the Grand Master that benefit would result to the Companions and the Order from occasional addresses in the subordinate Councils, and would endorse the suggestions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to that effect.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. MERRILL,
JAMES P. POND,
JOHN W. HENION. } Committee.

On motion of Illustrious Companion S. B. Foot it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master draw on the Grand Treasurer for printing proceedings of this assembly and other necessary expenses.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

George W. Cooley, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

G. W. Merrill, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

Ed. McDermott, Right Illustrious Grand P.°. C.°, of the W.°.

Moses W. Getchell, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer.

Theodore Burkhard, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

S. B. Foot, Grand Captain of the Guard.

Fred. L. Smith, Grand Conductor of the Council.

Grove B. Cooley, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. A. Spaulding, Grand Marshal.

James P. Pond, Grand Steward.

E. G. Covington, Grand Sentinel.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master was installed by Fred. Joss, P.°. M.°. I.°. G.°. M.°, and by him the remaining officers.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Companions Grove B. Cooley, Theodore Burkhard, Fred. L. Smith.

On motion of Companion Fred. Joss, it was decided that the next annual assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at the same time and place as the Grand Commandery of the State of Minnesota may select for their meeting in 1878, which was adopted.

No further business offering the Most Puissant Grand Council of R.°. and S.°. Masters of the State of Minnesota was closed in ample form.

THEODORE BURKHARD,
Grand Recorder.

TO THE MEMORY OF

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION

George Frank Bouley,

Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri,

Who Perished at the Burning of the Southern Hotel at
St. Louis, April 11, 1877.

This Page is Respectfully Dedicated by the

Grand Council of Minnesota,

As a Slight Tribute of Brotherly Love and Affection.

IN MEMORIAM.

Charles J. Danforth,

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF
MASSACHUSETTS, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF MASSACHUSETTS,
DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE ON BOSTON HIGHLANDS, MASS.,

On the 17 day of May, A. D. 1877;

TO WHOSE MEMORY

THIS PAGE IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY THE

Grand Council of Minnesota.

ANNUAL RETURNS

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular meeting, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James P. Pond	<i>Thrice Illustrious Master.</i>
Charles Leonard	<i>Deputy Master.</i>
S. D. Downs	<i>P. C. of the Work.</i>
J. H. Reaney	<i>Treasurer</i>
R. F. Marvin	<i>Recorder.</i>
Harry Burningham	<i>Capt. of Guard.</i>
Wm. Carter	<i>Conductor of Council.</i>
Theo. Burkhard	<i>Marshal.</i>
M. C. Ten Eyck	<i>Steward.</i>
A. Richardson	<i>Sentinel.</i>

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

J. C. Terry	P. M. I. G. M.
Wm. S. Combs	P. N. I. G. M.
H. L. Carver	P. R. I. D. G. M.
Fred Woodbourne	P. R. I. D. G. M.
G. W. Merrill	R. I. D. G. M.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.**MINNEAPOLIS.**

Regular meeting third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Ed. McDermott	<i>Thrice Illustrious Master.</i>
Grove B. Cooley	<i>Deputy Master.</i>
Henry G. Hicks	<i>P. C. of the Work.</i>
A. A. Ames	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Wm. A. Spaulding	<i>Recorder.</i>
Wm. D. Burwell	<i>Capt. of the Guard.</i>
Charles G. McDuffie	<i>Conductor of the Council.</i>
John H. Noble	<i>Marshal.</i>
Thomas Cox	<i>Steward.</i>
Louis Runge	<i>Sentinel.</i>

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

A. E. Ames*	P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:
George W. Cooley	M.: I.: G.: M.:
D. M. Goodwin.	

*Deceased.

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.**RED WING.**

Regular meeting, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred. Joss	<i>Thrice Illustrious Master.</i>
S. B. Foot	<i>Deputy Master.</i>
W. O. Dodge	<i>P. C. of the Work.</i>
E. F. Dodge	<i>Capt. of the Guard.</i>
William B. Williams	<i>Conductor of the Council.</i>
Charles R. Brink	<i>Treasurer.</i>
S. J. Willard	<i>Recorder.</i>
J. M. Richter	<i>Steward.</i>
William P. Brown	<i>Sentinel.</i>

PAST T.: I.: M.:

Fred. Joss	P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:
Dwight M. Baldwin	P.: R.: I.: G.: M.:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS EAST.

Regular meeting, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

William Lochren	<i>Thrice Illustrious Master.</i>
J. W. Henion	<i>Deputy Master.</i>
Fred L. Smith	<i>P. C. of the Work.</i>
Rob't W. Cummings	<i>Treasurer.</i>
William C. Noble	<i>Recorder.</i>
Henry M. Kent	<i>Capt of the Guard.</i>
William E. Johnson	<i>Conductor of the Council.</i>
S. N. Whitney	<i>Marshal.</i>
E. B. Clement	<i>Steward.</i>
E. P. Crane	<i>Sentinel.</i>

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1877.

St. Paul Council No. 1.	Passed the Circle, 3.	Membership, 74.
Minneapolis Council No. 2.	Passed the Circle, 19.	Membership, 66.
Tyrian Council No. 4.	Passed the Circle, 6.	Membership, 40.
Adoniram Council No. 5.	Passed the Circle, 25.	Membership, 35.
Number of Subordinate Councils, 4.		

 Total Membership 215

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS

NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Alabama	Charles Leonard	St. Paul.
California	Fred L. Smith	Minneapolis.
Connecticut	Benjamin F. Wright	St. Paul.
Florida	William Lochren	Minneapolis.
Georgia	Moses W. Getchell	Minneapolis.
Illinois	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Indiana	S. J. Willard	Red Wing.
Iowa	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Louisiana	William Lochren	Minneapolis.
Maine	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Massachusetts	William S. Combs	St. Paul.
Maryland	A. A. Ames	Minneapolis.
Mississippi	M. W. Getchell	Minneapolis.
Missouri	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Nebraska	Theo. Burkhard	St. Paul.
New Jersey	Dwight M. Baldwin	Red Wing.
New York	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Ohio	William Lochren	Minneapolis.
Ontario	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Pennsylvania	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Rhode Island	Benjamin F. Wright	St. Paul.
South Carolina	Fred. Woodbourne	St. Paul.
Tennessee	Theodore Burkhard	St. Paul.
Vermont	Charles Leonard	St. Paul.
Wisconsin	Fred. Joss	Red Wing.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, NEAR OTHER
GRAND COUNCILS.

Alabama	William W. McCollum	Selma.
California	George T. Grimes	
Connecticut	Fred. H. Waldron	New Haven.
Florida	Jno. Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Thos. J. Perry	Rome.
Illinois	L. R. Jerome	Princeton.
Indiana	Albert P. Charles	Seymour.
Iowa	Robt. Farmer Bower	Keokuk.
Louisiana	G. J. Pinckard	
Maine	Charles J. Collamore	Bangor.
Massachusetts	Charles J. Danforth*	Boston Highlands.
Maryland	S. C. Bush	Baltimore.
Mississippi	B. S. Trice	Verona.
Missouri	Allan McDowell	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Alexander D. Clarke	Omaha.
New Jersey	Thos. H. R. Redway	
New York	A. B. King	Troy.
Ohio	David S. Fisher	Kenton.
Ontario	W. H. Porter	Bradford.
Pennsylvania	Geter C. Shidle	
Rhode Island	Rev. Henry W. Rugg	Providence.
South Carolina	J. F. C. Dupre	
Tennessee	W. R. Shaver	New Middleton.
Vermont	Albert Conklin Hubbell	Bennington.
Wisconsin	J. P. C. Cottrell	Milwaukee.

*Died.

GRAND RECORDERS—POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Recorder.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	L. S. Barber	Little Rock.
California	Charles Louis Wiggin	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England	Fredrick Binckes	2d Red Lion Square, London.
Florida	George S. Holmark	Warrington.
Georgia	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon.
Illinois	James H. Miles	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bromwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	J. Lee Knight	Topeka.
Kentucky	Albert G. Hodges	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Lock Box No. 872, N. O.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	John T. Gorsuch	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	John Haigh	Somerville.
Minnesota	Theodore Burkhard	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Michigan	G. B. Noble	Detroit.
Missouri	John W. Luke	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William W. Bowen	Omaha.
New Brunswick	Alfred D. Goodwin	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	John A. Harris	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas J. Corson	Trenton.
New York	George VanVleit	New York City.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	James Gossip	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario	James B. Nixon	Toronto.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Walter Blodgett	Providence.
South Carolina	A. Lindstrom	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	William H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.

LIST OF OFFICERS, MINNESOTA,

Yr.	M. I. G. M.	R. I. D. G. M.	R. I.	Steward	G. Marshal.	G. Sentinel
1870	J. C. Terry . . .	Samuel Willey . . .	A. E. A. . .	Henion . . .		
1871	A. E. Ames* . .	Samuel Willey . . .	E. C. G. . .	Henion . . .		Chas. Shandrew
1872	E. C. Cross . . .	J. C. Terry . . .	Wm. S. . .			A. Richardson .
1873	Wm. S. Combs . .	Charles Shandrew . .	D. M. . .	Van Duzen . .	A. A. Ames . . .	A. Richardson .
1874	Wm. S. Combs . .	H. L. Carver . . .	D. M. . .	Parker . . .	A. A. Ames . . .	A. Richardson .
1875	Fred. Joss . . .	H. L. Carver . . .	G. W. . .	Baldwin . . .	Wm. Lochren . .	A. Richardson .
1876	Geo. W. Cooley . .	Fred. Woodbourne . .	D. M. . .	Leonard . . .		A. Richardson .
1877	Geo. W. Cooley . .	G. W. Merrill . . .	Office . . .	Pond . . .	W. A. Spaulding .	E. G. Covington .

*Dead.

NOTE.—All officers elected and appointed prior to

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith submit their report. We have had the pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of all the Grand Councils, as we believe, except Maryland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. We have used every reasonable effort to obtain these—we wrote once, twice, thrice, but no response. We made up our minds that the *Guards* were either asleep or that they did not care about admitting us to their communion. We have received tidings from the following :

Alabama	1875-6	Mississippi	1876
Arkansas	1875-6	Missouri	1875-6
California	1875-6	Nebraska	1876
Connecticut	1875-6	New Hampshire	1875
Florida	1876	New Jersey	1875-6
Georgia	1876-7	New York	1876
Illinois	1875	North Carolina	1876
Indiana	1876	Ohio	1875-6
Iowa	1875-6	Ontario	1875
Kansas	1872-3-4	Pennsylvania	1876-7
Kentucky	1875-6	Rhode Island	1870-5
Louisiana	1875	South Carolina	1875
Maine	1876	Tennessee	1875-6
Massachusetts	1875-6	Vermont	1875
Michigan	1876	Wisconsin	1876-7

In passing around the circle we will "Rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep;" but we cannot give attentive ear to the despairing, the murmuring, the apathetic or the indifferent, we can only express the hope that the sick, the dying and inanimate, will find some healing balm to cure their ills; some leading spirits, that will resuscitate and breathe into them the breath of life. We commence our circuit with

ALABAMA—1875.

The thirty-eighth annual assembly of this Grand Council met at the city of Montgomery, on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1875. Twelve subordinate councils were represented.

Grand Master Palmer J. Pillans delivered a very excellent address containing, however, but little that is important outside of that jurisdiction. He does not speak very encouragingly concerning the present condition or the future prospects of Cryptic Masonry in that State. He thinks there is no use to "Whisper hope, hope, when there is almost no hope." We quote the following from his address, which is too true :

"The scheme of Masonry is incomplete without the Cryptic degrees. The whole of Masonry consists in the loss, restoration and preservation of the word—and what enquiring Mason ought to be satisfied until he should have obtained the whole of this information. But alas, I fear that a search after light inspires but few of those who seek the Masonic degrees. Too easily are they satisfied with the name of Mason, and too little do they think of the noble teachings of the order."

We should infer, from reading Grand Master Pillans address, that there are a good many companions down there in Alabama that "are sleeping at their posts," and would suggest that it might be well to put them aside, and fill their places with the more vigilant. That plan is said to have been tried before this, and worked well.

Companion Daniel Sayre submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils. We have read his report with great pleasure, and find very much in it that interests us. Companion Sayre is not of "those without hope."

Companion Palmer J. Pillans was re-elected M. Ill. G. M. and Companion Daniel Sayre also re-elected Grand Secretary. Companion Sayre was also re-appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Amount dues paid in during the year	\$235 50
Councils delinquent	9
Charters forfeited	29

ALABAMA—1876.

After we had closed our report and rested, we were agreeably greeted with the proceedings of the Grand Council of Alabama for 1876. Grand Council was held at the city of Montgomery, December 6th, 1876, Grand Master Palmer J. Pillans presiding.

Eleven subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master does not speak more flattering in regard to the condition of the rite in that State than last year. His address is good, but despondent. In closing he says: "My labors have been light, but the apprehension that our beautiful and impressive ceremonies are becoming rare in our jurisdiction, and that our altar fires are flickering to extinction, has lain heavily on my spirits."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of that cheerful and hopeful veteran, Companion Daniel Sayre, in which he very pleasingly and ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils. Minnesota, for 1876, receiving kindly and

fraternal mention. His report really is one of the *best*, but no better than we might expect from Companion Sayre. Although we have already far exceeded the bounds limited by us for our report, and although we fear our companions may think we have forgotten to keep in view the fact, "Who pays the bills?" yet we cannot forbear making a few extracts from Companion Sayre's report. Under the head of Iowa, he says:

"Companion Langridge takes rather a desponding view of the future of Cryptic Masonry. * * * * *

Look up, Companion Langridge, the sky is still bright above us; the earth is still green beneath us; and around us is an atmosphere of health and vigor, and prosperity. We shall not fall yet, but if we must fall, let us fall fighting manfully, with our faces to the foe, and with harness on our backs."

He talks plainly and without reserve concerning the Grand Council of Mississippi. He says:

"Companion Walter thinks he knows what is the disease of the patient, and he thinks he knows what would cure it; but the remedy he proposes, he admits, cannot be applied by the Grand Council, nor can it be applied by the joint action of the several Grand bodies of any number of States. We submit that under such circumstances it would be highly proper for these Masonic doctors of Mississippi to throw up their diplomas, retire from practice, and give the patient what little chance there may yet remain to recover from its disease. We have known some very sick persons to get well after all the doctors had left, and even after the undertaker had been sent for."

"We had written thus far, and had closed the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Grand Council of Mississippi, but it occurred to us that we would like another look at a patient that all the doctors had given up, and see how a thing looked that was so near dead as that. We did so, and, to our surprise, we found that twenty-seven Councils were represented. Well, we thought to ourselves, the pulse still beats at any rate; the patient cannot be quite dead. Upon looking further, we found that the finances of the Grand Council were such that they required a Grand Treasurer to look after them, and that over five hundred dollars had passed through his hands during the year 1875. We began to take heart—the patient was not sick enough yet to make a will.

"Upon looking further, we found that thirty-one Councils had made full returns, and that only four were delinquent in that respect. This was another good sign.

"Again we found that the Councils reporting, had 687 members, and that only twenty-seven were suspended for non-payment of dues.

"Well, well! if that is the condition of a dead Grand Council, what would be its condition if it were alive?"

Again he says:

"But after all, the Grand Council of Mississippi may die, but if it does, will Companion Walter hold himself entirely guiltless?"

He don't think that the General Grand Chapter of the United States will recognize that peculiar union down there in Mississippi.

We have enjoyed Companion Sayre's report very much—it quite suits us.

Companion James Milton, of Eufaula, was elected Grand Master.

Companion Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Recorder, and was also appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS—1875.

The sixteenth annual assembly of the Grand Council met in the city of Little Rock, October 9th, 1875. M. S. P. James A. Stinson, Grand Master, presiding.

There were represented seven subordinate councils.

The Grand Master, in his address, stated that he had no official business to report, except his duties as delegate to the convention of Grand Councils held at New Orleans, November, 1874, and he gave a summary of the doings of that body. He stated that he rejoiced at the bright prospects of Masonry in that State.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion M. M. McGuire, elected Grand Master.

Companion L. E. Barber, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The following resolution was passed:

“Resolved, That the Ritual heretofore adopted by the Grand Council be continued as the work of the subordinate councils in this jurisdiction; and that no Council or Grand Officer depart from or change the same until authorized to do so by the Grand Council.”

By this we are led to presume that Arkansas prefers the “Old” to the “New,” and refuses to adopt the “Work” of the New York Convention.

ARKANSAS—1876.

The Seventeenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council met in the city of Little Rock, on the 7th day of October, 1876, and was opened in ample form by Comp. M. M. McGuire, Grand Master, assisted by the representatives of ten subordinate councils.

The Grand Master's address is very good indeed. He commences by saying:

“The hour for labor is at hand’ but our numbers are incomplete. Many are not at ‘their appropriate stations.’ We did hope that the flow of life that animates the heart of every American during this centennial year would quicken the pulse and give increased vigor to Masonry; that flourishes most in lands where liberty is most cherished; but if we judge the interest felt in the institution of Masonry by the actual manifestations before us, we must conclude that the stirring events of the current year have had an influence upon the institution the very reverse of our anticipations. When we come to look back over the past year, and take into consideration the many exciting events of history celebrated—the grand Centennial Exhibition, the political commotion that has rocked our state and is yet rocking our nation,—and that all these things divert the mind, and are not compatible with the mind of Masonry, that knows no sect, party or country to the proscription of another, we are not astonished at the manifest want of interest; and as these exciting matters are soon to pass away, and quiet and order, we trust, again to be restored, we hope to see new life elevate our various Masonic bodies. We trust the principles, like valuable treasures, are ‘safely deposited in our hearts,’ and the work of our hands will benefit future generations. Companions, let us all arouse from our slumbers. If we have any unfaithful sentinels, remove them from their posts, and place zealous companions on guard. Let the select labor in excavating and removing all that is wrong, and in erecting substantial arches of truth to span our passage-way. Let us reward the noble as readily as we inflict penalties; then will the number of our laborers be complete; the work will go on with increased vigor, and zeal will find its reward.”

We like to hear such talk. It does us good.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, among other things, reported as follows, which was adopted by the Grand Council :

“That to make Chivalric Masonry in anywise dependent upon the Cryptic branch of the order, would, in our opinion, seriously abridge the field of usefulness of the Commanderies.”

We can hardly see it in that light.

The Committee on Memorials of the Dead made a report, which was adopted, relating to the death, during that current year, of Companion George W. Laughinghouse, Past Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Chaplain, recommending, among other things, that a memorial page be set apart and inscribed to his memory.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion C. W. Millerd was elected Grand Master.

Companion L. E. Barber was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1874-5-6.

We have received a pamphlet of forty pages containing the proceedings of the Grand Council of California for 1874-5-6.

The fourteenth annual assembly was held in the city of San Francisco, April 16th, 1874. William Thomas Reynolds, Grand Master, presiding.

Seven subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master does not speak very encouragingly concerning the Rite in that State.

Said he was not called upon to perform any official duty during the year. Hopes that the order will be more prosperous in the future.

A memorial page is dedicated to Companion Joseph Isaacs, Past G. M. of that jurisdiction, who died October 8th, 1873, aged fifty years.

Companion Powell Samuel Lawson was elected Grand Master.

Companion Edward Louis Wiggin was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence.

1875.

Grand Council held April 15th, 1875.

Fifteenth annual assembly.

Companion Powell Samuel Lawson, M. P. G. M., presided.

Five subordinate councils represented.

Grand Master's address short but contains *much in a little*. He reports peace and harmony reigning supreme. Reports but performing one official act—granting a dispensation to hold an election.

One case of “grievance” passed upon by the Grand Council. A companion had been suspended by a council for non-payment of dues. He had received no

notice of indebtedness and no notice of his suspension, upon which being known the council restored him. The action of the council was confirmed by the Grand Council.

Companion Henry Sayre Orme was elected G. M.

Companion Charles Louis Wiggin was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence.

1876.

Sixteenth annual assembly was held at San Francisco, April 13th, 1876.

Grand Master Henry Sayre Orme, presided.

Six subordinate councils represented.

Grand Master's address very good. He expresses hope for the future! He reports general apathy and lukewarmness in regard to the Cryptic rite. He rather leans towards a similar action to that of Mississippi as to the future of the Royal and Select degrees, and suggests whether that would not be for the best, and have a tendency to revive an interest in these degrees.

He favors uniformity—has not received the New York convention work, but recommends getting it and trying it on.

Grand Treasurer reported balance in treasury, \$363.78.

Companion Henry Sayre Orme was re-elected G. M.

Companion Charles Louis Wiggin was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence.

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Council of California we find one thing in particular that is very commendable. We find the names of officers and members, without a single exception, given in full.

A good example to follow.

CONNECTICUT—1875.

This Grand Council was held at New Haven on the 10th day of May, 1875. Companion John H. Barlow, M. P. Grand Master, opened the Grand Council in ample form, assisted by the representatives of fifteen subordinate councils.

The Grand Master made a good practical address. He states that the ritual adopted by the New York convention has been examined by him, and he finds that it differs but slightly from the one in use in that State, and while he sees some changes to admire, yet, in view of the present uniform system of work in the several councils of that jurisdiction, he does not deem it wise to make any change.

He refers very appropriately and feelingly to the death of three prominent Masons in that State during the past year: Cyrus Goodell, Past M. P. Grand Master, who died May, 1874, aged seventy-two years; John L. Devotion, who died February 8th, 1875, aged 49 years, and Edmund Halcomb, Past D. P. Grand Master, who died December, 1874, aged 74 years.

Here are some plain truths filly spoken. He says:

"Companions: In closing this, my official communication, I desire to present a few thoughts, applicable not only to Cryptic Masonry, but to Masonry in general. Especially so at a time like the present, when societies are being formed, and conventions held, which are mainly led by the professed followers of Him who went about doing good, having for their object the extermination of ours, and kindred associations, because, in some things they are secret. While I entertain no fears for the safety of our time-honored institutions from their insane revilings against it, yet they may well admonish us to review our daily lives, and see that our practice does not belie our professions. Let us ask ourselves: Do we attend our lodge meetings as often as we might without injury to ourselves, and thus prevent the unworthy from gaining admission among us? Do we, as opportunity offers, visit the sick and distressed, and render such assistance as our Ancient fraternity demands? Do we not, too often, when objects of real charity presents themselves, hastily say that we have nothing, without searching to find something for their relief? And, more than all, does not, too often, our unkind, profane, intemperate and vicious conduct furnish the strongest weapons for our enemies to wield against us?

"Brothers: In view of these things, let us re-pledge our fidelity and renew our vows. Let us see that our lives correspond to our professions. Let us do all work in the lodge; but, far more important, present upright, square and perfect work before the world, by our quiet, peaceful, and upright walk and conversation. While such is our conduct, though the narrow-minded bigot, the unscrupulous fanatic, and the superstitious Romanist, may unite against our institution, its foundations will never perish, its fabric never crumble to decay."

The Grand Recorder reported as having received from subordinate councils during the year as dues and assessments the sum of \$321.

Companion William Wallace Lee submitted the Report on Correspondence, in which he very fittingly reviewed the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils.

He is of the opinion that Cryptic Masonry is gradually coming to a substantial uniformity of work and government, and he is hopeful that not many years will elapse before the incongruous and discordant systems which have so widely prevailed will be succeeded by rules and rituals that are not in violation of reason and good common sense.

To this we agree—but if all the Grand Councils, like Connecticut, should refuse to adopt "uniformity," I can't see how Companion Lee's hopes will be realized.

Companion Fred. H. Waldron, of New Haven, was elected Grand Master.

Companion J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion William Wallace Lee was appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT—1876.

Grand Council assembled at Hartford, May 8th, 1876.

Companion Fred. H. Waldron, M. P. Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is *par excellence*, we would like to quote it in full, but must forbear.

His remarks in reference to "Hurrying the work," are well timed. He says it is the practice with too many who are initiated into the solemn mysteries to hurry from one degree to another, and the entered Apprentice of yesterday is likely to be a Sir Knight to-morrow. He thinks this is not as it should be, and should be discouraged. We agree, and go him *one* better, we think it should be forbidden altogether. No one should be suffered to advance until he has made "suitable proficiency in the preceeding degree." That is "Masonic Law," and should be enforced to the letter. "Go slow and sure," is the true motto to be governed by in all cases of advancement.

We conclude that the Cryptic rite is in a healthy condition in that jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion William Wallace Lee, of West Meriden. He submitted an excellent report, full of sharp hits and witty sayings. He reviewed the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, our own, for some reason, not included.

He differs with Companion Sayre, of Alabama, in regard to "cheap Masonry." We vote with Companion Lee as to that. He says: "We believe manhood is of paramount importance, money a secondary consideration, and moral perfection more than physical qualifications." He rubs down Companion Henderson, of Kentucky in the following manner: "The Correspondence Report is short, and sputters like a burning candle with a wet wick. We should think he was either dyspeptic or billious." His whole report is very business-like and exactly to the point.

Companion Wm. Freeston, of New Britain, was elected Grand Master.

Companion J. K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Lee was reappointed Committee on Correspondence, so we may hope to hear from him again.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

It seems this Grand Council was organized July 29th, 1873, by solemn act of the Representatives of the Four Councils, founded by charters granted by Companion James McCredie, of New York, with power giving jurisdiction over the degree of Most Excellent Master, granted by Companion Rees George Williams, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the same State. We have received a pamphlet containing the Constitution and General Regulations of this Grand Council, but have not had the pleasure of receiving the proceedings—we are inclined to believe they have not been printed, as we notice no other Grand Council has received them. We cheerfully extend the hand of recognition to, and hope to be in fraternal correspondence with our younger sister across the sea.

Companion Frederick Binckes, 2 Red Lion Square, London, is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1876.

This Grand Council assembled at Warrington, June 12th, 1876, and was presided over by Companion William Morrill, M. P. Grand Master.

Three subordinate councils were represented.

It was the first meeting of the Grand Council since 1872. The Grand Master submitted a very interesting and able address, referring, however, mostly to his official acts, and the condition of the Cryptic rite in that State. In closing his address he says :

“Freemasonry is a search after truth ; step by step we pursue the path that leads to it, and finally acquire the knowledge that truth terminates in the great first cause from whence it originated.

“As a Master Mason we have passed through all the vicissitudes of youth and arrive to the full stature of manhood.

“As Royal Arch Masons we are taught the battle of life with all its hopes and fears, its joys and sorrows, pleasures and pains traveling its rough and rugged paths, to the consummation of our destiny in life—when Cryptic Masonry consigns our bodies, a sealed casket, to that sacred vault no prying eyes can penetrate, there to remain until revealed by the Supreme Power of the Master Builder of that Spiritual Temple eternal in the Heavens, so beautifully emblemized by those sacred treasures concealed by King Solomon at the building of the first Temple, and which lay unknown in darkness for the space of three hundred and seventy years, until revealed by the builders of the second Temple, to the great joy of the devout Israelite, and which has become the light of the world.”

He speaks very feelingly of the death of the late Grand Treasurer of that Grand Council, T. Preston Tatum, who died July 4th, 1873.

A memorial page of the proceedings was allotted to the sacred memory of the illustrious deceased companion.

The Committee on Finance reported the treasury empty.

The Committee on Constitution, Jurisprudence and By-Laws prepared and reported a new Constitution and By-Laws, which was adopted.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion John Carlovitz presented a historical review of the Grand Council in which he gives a very faithful and interesting review from its beginning. It seems the Grand Council organized January, 1858 ; held annual assemblies in 1859 and 1860, and then rested until 1867, when it convened at Tallahassee, January, 14th, of that year. It again met in 1868 and 1869, and then failed to assemble until 1872 when the sixth annual assembly was held at Tallahassee in June of that year. It has not had a convocation since, till June, 1876, so this is the seventh assembly. But in the future, we are assured, they mean business, and propose to have no Ahishas sleeping at their posts.

Companion A. N. Caulkins was elected M. P. Grand Master.

Companion Geo. S. Hallmark, of Warrington, was elected Grand Recorder.

Companion John Carlovitz, of Milton, was appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

GEORGIA—1876—CIRCULAR.

Grand Council assembled at the city of Macon, April 26th, 1876.

The usual routine of business was transacted.

Number of councils represented	11
“ promoted during the year	17
“ died during the year	5
“ of members reported	320
Amount of dues	\$177 00

Companion Robert M. Smith elected Grand Master.

Companion Charles R. Armstrong elected Grand Recorder.

The proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils were acknowledged received during the year.

Proceedings not printed for want of funds.

Next annual assembly to be held the fourth Wednesday in April, 1877, at the city of Macon.

GEORGIA—1877—CIRCULAR.

Annual assembly was held April 26th, 1877, at the city of Macon.

Companion Rob't M. Smith, M. Ill. G. M., presided.

Ten subordinate councils represented.

Number of councils represented	10
“ promoted the past year	6
“ affiliated	1
“ demitted	8
“ suspended	9
“ died	9
“ reported	278

Amount of dues \$145 00

Companion William A. Graham was elected Grand Master.

Companion Charles R. Armstrong was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils were received, our own, however, not included.

Proceedings not to be printed.

The next assembly to be held fourth Wednesday in April, 1878.

ILLINOIS—1875.

The twenty-third annual assembly of this Grand Council was held in Chicago, October 27th, 1875. Was presided over by Companion Edward Blackshaw, acting Grand Puissant, Companion Wilber F. Broomfield, Grand Puissant, being absent.

Thirty-two councils represented.

The address of the Grand Puissant was read by the Grand Recorder. It was purely local—confined mostly to his official duties during the year. He referred, in a very appropriate manner, to the death of two Masons of high rank during the year, Companion Louis H. Jorgenson, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of that State, and Companion James V. Z. Blaney, who was P. G. Commander of that State. The Grand Puissant made one decision during the year, to wit: "Has a council the right to refuse a companion a demit, provided he is in good standing in said council?" He decided as follows: "If the companion desired to join another council nearer his residence, and was in good standing in his council, he was entitled to a demit; but otherwise the council might refuse it, because it is unmasonic not to be affiliated."

Does not that border on "*Compulsion in Masonry*?"

The report on Correspondence is by Companion James H. Miles—in which in his usual and courteous manner he reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils. He seems to have conformed to the *taste* of Companion Gouley, and annexed his report to the proceedings, in an appendix, instead of injecting it in the middle thereof.

Receipts during the year, \$563 90

Companion Edward Blackshaw, of Urbana, was elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and James H. Miles, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1876.

The twenty-first convocation of this Grand Council assembled in the city of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 1876, and was presided over by Companion Daniel McDonald, Ill., Grand Master.

Thirty-one out of forty-two chartered councils were represented.

The Grand Master made a carefully written address, detailing his official acts, but it is of little importance outside of that jurisdiction.

He says that peace and harmony has prevailed within the borders of that State, and all the paths have been paths of pleasantness. From the amount of his labors referred to, we judge he has been active and vigilant. He refers to the death of Dr. Erastus W. H. Ellis, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of that State who died October 10th, 1876, aged 61 years.

He says that during the year no question of Masonic Jurisprudence has been submitted to him for decision, and no question of grievance has arisen requiring action on his part.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$1,021.94 in the Grand Treasury.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by that able and efficient companion, W. W. Austin. As usual, his report was excellent. He extensively reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, our own included.

Under the head of Maine he says :

"Companion Drummond calls us to task for not giving *our* opinion on the weightier matters of the law. Shades of Coke and Blackstone! *We* criticise the sayings of and doings of a Drummond, a Sayer, a Guilbert, a Carson, a Chapman, and the innumerable hosts of rich dispensers and Masonic illuminators; men who have wielded the sword from their Masonic youth up to silvery age; companions who are posted in the origin of Grand and Subordinate bodies; who can split hairs on the difficult questions of whether the chicken came from the egg or the egg from the chicken; whose poetic souls are filled with the spirit of Masonry that they can hardly write in prose; who have such long handles to the anatomic knife that they feel happy in dissecting an humble Masonic writer! Nary a-time. *We* know where the safe side is, and prefer holding the mirror up to nature, that its refulgent rays may dismay and confound our epistolary opponents."

His conclusion is very good indeed, and covers the whole ground in a few words, we insert it in full:

"We do not assume to be wise enough to state the proper manner to arouse life among the Cryptic Craft. It is in a languishing condition, the fault does not exist in its natural constitutional system, but proceeds from the atmosphere surrounding it. It *can* grow vigorously and wax strong if it has the proper nourishment, an unending, undying zeal and love among its adherents; but give it the encouragement that it needs, have faith that it has merits of its own sufficient to sustain it as a unit, let its officers, grand and subordinate, perform their sacred duties faithfully, work in their proper station with a determination to do their duty, their whole duty, and the Royal and Select degrees will, in due time, assume a high, noble and independent station among the order."

Words well and fitly spoken; and every word is true. He talks some like Companion Drummond, though not quite so plainly. We like the plain, outspoken men, who say in a few words just what they mean—men that talk right to the point, and tell a man to his face just what they would be obliged to say, if they spoke at all, behind his back. It is not every man that can be a teacher, a leader, a general. In fact it is only a very few that can ever fill such a place with credit. And it is likewise only a very few of the many Masons, and good Masons too, that are fitted, or ever can be fitted to be Masters of Lodges or Grand Masters. It requires a faculty that but few possess. They must be men of large hope, great activity—that are willing to "labor and to wait"—that are willing to dig, to plow and to sow—and yet are not discouraged should the harvest not be so great as they would wish—that will turn despair into hope and defeat into victory; men that will seek for work to do, and not wait for work to come to them; in fact men that will "turn up something," and not "wait for something to turn up."

Companion Samuel B. Richardson was elected Grand Master, and Companion John M. Bromwell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Austin, we are glad to know, was again appointed chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

IOWA—1875.

The Grand Council of the State of Iowa assembled at the city of Keokuk, October 19th, 1875. Companion Paul C. Daum, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, Grand Master Joseph H. Seaton being absent from the State.

Eight councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Deputy Grand Master, and contains a brief review of his official acts.

He closes in the following very beautiful and expressive language:

"My official intercourse with my companions has been uniformly kind, agreeable, courteous and practical. In looking back over the work I find that it has not prospered as I anticipated, nor as well as I would wish, but have no reason to despond, but to take courage, hoping that my successor will have rich and more abundant success, and I will earnestly and constantly pray that when our labors here are ended, our work may be approved—we ourselves found among that select number whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life; that each of us may hear from Him that welcome, 'Well done, good and faithful,' enter thou into our Grand Council, to go out no more forever."

The records show in Treasury \$217.97.

Increase of membership during the year, 49.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion W. B. Langridge, and is contained in about one page of the proceedings. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils.

Ill.: Companion, Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Ill.: Companion Wm. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1876.

Grand Council assembled at Des Moines, October 3d, 1876. Paul C. Daum, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Ten subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Recorder read the address of Grand Master Robert F. Bower, who was absent on account of business engagements. The address was short and of no interest outside of that jurisdiction.

No report on correspondence.

Companion Paul C. Daum was elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and Companion Wm. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Langridge was also appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

KANSAS—1872.

The fourth annual convocation of this Grand Council met at Fort Scott, October 15th, A. D. 1872, and was presided over by Companion John L. Philbrick, Grand Master.

Three councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered no address.

No report on correspondence.

Companion John L. Philbrick was re-elected Grand Master and John H. Brown Grand Recorder.

1873.

The fifth assembly was held in the city of Lawrence, October 14th, 1873, and was presided over by Companion John L. Philbrick Grand Master.

Five subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was purely of a local character.

No report on correspondence.

Companion John H. Brown was elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and Companion J. Lee Knight Grand recorder.

1874.

The sixth assembly met at Leavenworth, October 20th, 1874, and was presided over by Companion John H. Brown, Grand Master.

Five councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very good address, in which he refers to the prosperity of the order in that jurisdiction, and expresses much regret that that Grand Council was not represented in the New York convention.

His closing remarks are pointed, truthful and worthy of commendation to all. We quote :

"In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on our past progress, (though slow), the harmony that pervades our ranks, and urge you to spare no pains in propagating Cryptic Masonry among those worthy of the rite. But while zealous in the work, let us never forget that cautious, that wholesome prudence which is the pre-eminent characteristic of the well-informed and high-minded Mason. In this, as in other great and good works, the Roman motto, "hasten slowly," should regulate every effort and mark every step. Inasmuch as we build for all time, and hope for a glorious future, may our labors be directed by a spirit of concord, and each year add something stable to the lofty Temple we are erecting in the name of universal brotherhood."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion John H. Brown was re-elected M. S. Grand Master and Companion J. Lee Knight Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1875.

Grand Council was held at the city of Louisville, Oct. 20th, 1875, Companion Henry Bostwick, Grand Puissant, presiding.

Present the representatives of twenty-four subordinate Councils.

No address from the Grand Puissant.

Companion H. A. C. Henderson submitted the Report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of nine Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1873 included. As his review of Minnesota is short, we give it in full :

“ Fourth assembly convened at St. Paul, January 12th, 1873, W. S. Combs, Grand Master, re-elected.”

“ Only this and nothing more.”

The following we quote from his conclusion :

“ We have performed our task ; we have sought to ‘gather grapes from thorns ;’ we have hewn out for ourselves a ‘broken cistern that can hold no water ;’ but as ‘experience feedeth on the wind,’ perhaps our Companions can find diet in this breezy report. We have seen the sleight-of-hand man eat chips, shavings, etc., and pull barber’s poles and ribbons out of his mouth. Did we understand the arts of Necromancy perhaps we might draw some red ribbon rhetoric out of our mind, after we have swallowed the husks sent to us in the shape of ‘Proceedings of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters.’ ”

Among other things, he says that our annual sessions are as dry as the dust on the streets of the capital of his Satanic Majesty’s dominions.

Companion H. G. Sandifer was elected Grand Puissant Grand Master, and Companion Albert G. Hodges was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1876.

Our good Kentucky Companions send us greeting by way of Proceedings for 1876 ; and although we had said our last say, and folded our manuscript, we are inclined to crowd a little harder, and take our “sister” in, for she is not as one of the “foolish virgins ;” though late for us, she comes with her lamp well trimmed.

Grand Council met in the city of Louisville, October 18th, 1876.

Companion H. G. Sandifer, Grand Master, presided.

Twenty-two Councils represented.

Grand Master’s address was very good indeed. He reports the Cryptic Rite in a flourishing condition in that jurisdiction.

Four new Councils chartered.

Grand Recorder reported receipts during the year, \$630.50. Expenditures, \$390.56. Balance on hand, \$239.99.

A very good Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Companion H. A. C. Henderson. In his usual attractive manner he reviews the Proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, among which Minnesota receives kindly and fraternal notice. He quotes our conclusion, and asks us how we like to be *stepped over*.

We will answer you, dear brother, by saying that we would rather be cautiously "stepped over" than be sat down upon by some of those weighty chaps that have "humbled themselves only to be exalted," and would deign to "come in and sup with us," not because they enjoy our repast, but only because they *must* eat of our bread and drink of our wine before they can sit at the banquet of the "spurred and feathered" Knights of Chivalry. We are firmly persuaded in our own mind that the Cryptic degrees should be made pre-requisite to the Chivalric; and we are inclined to the opinion that because of our *importance* the Grand Encampment will give us what we ask. But in case it does not, and we are to be "stepped" over in the future as in the past, we are not among those that will suffer our indignation to cause us to commit suicide, or to allow our courage to abate in the least. If the girl we love wont have us, why we'll live single; that's all.

Companion L. D. Croninger, of Covington, was elected Grand Master, and Companion A. G. Hodges was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Henderson, we are glad to see, was re-appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

LOUISIANA—1875.

Grand Council assembled at the city of New Orleans, February 11th, 1875, and was presided over by Ill.°. Companion James Ray, Grand Master.

Six councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was a very interesting document. Among other questions, one of singular importance is reported. The Deputy Grand Master, in his absence, received a communication from the T.°. I.°. G.°. M.°. of a council in the State of Mississippi, asking permission of the Grand Council of Louisiana to confer the Cryptic degrees on certain Royal Arch Masons residing at Vidalia, La. He replied, denying the request, on the ground that the Grand Council of Louisiana had no such power.

The action of the Deputy Grand Master was fully endorsed by the Grand Master.

We would venture that was right, but the Grand Master states, "That should the number of applicants be sufficient for the purpose, at a later date, of forming a council of R and S. M. at Vidalia (there being no provision to the contrary) I might still be disposed to grant the request, otherwise I would not feel myself justified in doing so."

Which the same we do not understand. Why have power in the one case and not in the other? Why have the power to grant the request to confer the degrees on *nine* and not on *three*?

He also made the following decisions.

1st, What is the status of a member of the council who has forfeited his membership in the Lodge, and been stricken from the roll of the Chapter?

2d, What is the status of a member of the Council who has been stricken from the roll of the Chapter, but retains his membership in the Lodge?

3d, What is the status of a Master Mason, and Royal Arch Mason, unaffiliated in one or both bodies?

To the first question the Grand Master decides as follows :

"1st, A member of a Lodge who forfeits his membership by a vote of the Lodge, under the regulations of our Grand Lodge, being virtually suspended, as the Grand Lodge has declared that forfeiture is equivalent to suspension, should be *ipso facto*, suspended in Chapter and Council. For can you conceive how a punishment can be equivalent to suspension, without entailing all the penalties of suspension, and being really suspended? His status, therefore, according to this reasoning, would certainly not be good.

"2d, The striking from the roll of the Chapter does not necessarily carry with it suspension, no more than dropping from the roll of a Lodge for absence entails suspension; as that penalty is not expressed in the law. His status, therefore, in my opinion, in the Council would be good.

"3d, Non-affiliation in Chapter has not been by any law made cause of deprivation of any rights, general or particular, and I would rather think that an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason loses none of his rights as a Royal Arch Mason. Whilst in the Lodge it is different, as by special enactment of Sec. 70, of our Constitution, he is deprived of certain rights, dependent upon membership, and places him in rather an unpleasant condition; but I would hesitate very much to decide or say that it would debar him from his right of membership in other bodies, as it should not be so construed from anything short of suspension. The circumstances considered, I would therefore rule that his standing in the Council would be good."

These decisions were referred to a special committee consisting of Companion, Samuel M. Todd, Richard Lambert and Wm. R. Whitacre.

A majority of the committee reported the decisions in accordance with the Masonic law of that jurisdiction, and recommended their approval, which report was adopted.

Companion Samuel M. Todd presented a minority report, concurring with the majority as to the 2d and 3rd decisions, but disagreeing as to the 1st, believing, as he states "that no Royal and Select Master can be suspended from all his Masonic privileges without due and formal trial in accordance with Masonic usage."

We must concur with Companion Todd—it is certainly more in accordance with our early teachings and later instructions in regard to Masonic law.

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered, which was laid over until the next assembly :

"Article 11. Insert after the word 'state,' and should any Companion, R. and S. Master be suspended, expelled or stricken from the roll of membership by his Lodge or chapter, as soon as authentic information of the fact be received by the Council his name shall be stricken from the roll of his Council."

This, we are informed by Companion Richard Lambert, present Grand Recorder, was carried at the next annual assembly held February, 1876, and is now the law in that jurisdiction.

Companion Samuel M. Todd presented a brief, yet pointed and able report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils. We would be glad to make quotations from his report but time and space will not permit.

We are sorry he did not mention the meeting and banquet of the Bohemians in the supper room in the Grand Lodge Hall at the convention in that city December, 1874. Why did you omit it, Companion Todd?

He gives an estimate of the number of Grand Councils, subordinate councils and membership in the United States and Canadas, as follows:

Number Grand Councils	33
“ Subordinate Councils	675
“ making returns	561
Total membership	30,071

Companion William R. Whitacre was elected Most Puissant Grand Master and Companion Gustavus Soutag Grand Recorder.

Companion Samuel M. Todd was appointed chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MAINE—1876.

This Grand Council assembled in Portland, on Wednesday, May 3d, 1876, and was presided over by M. I. Grand Master Sumner H. Boynton.

Ten subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. He referred very feelingly to the death of P. D. G. M. Stephen Webber, of that jurisdiction, who died April 13th, 1876.

In regard to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that State, he says:

“It is with feelings of pleasure that I inform you that peace and prosperity sit within our walls; that the merry sound of the *gavel* and ringing tones of the *trowel* have been heard throughout our secret vaults; that fervency and zeal have stimulated the Companions throughout the entire length and breadth of our State; so that, even in these times of sore distress, our labors have not ceased, and the progress which we have made will compare favorably with that of years past.”

The Committee on Finance reported that the receipts of the Grand Body were insufficient to meet the current expenses, there being a deficiency for that year of \$64.95, and recommended a *per capita* tax to be assessed on Subordinate Councils, of twenty-five cents, to meet the deficiency; which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Council.

Companion Sumner H. Boynton was re-elected Grand Master, and that old veteran, Ira Berry, who has served in that capacity for twenty years, ever since the formation of the Grand Council, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond submitted a very able, careful and full Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he courteously reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, our own among the number.

In his conclusion he very plainly and forcibly utters the *whole truth, and nothing but the truth.*

He says:

"Various causes have been assigned for its want of proper growth, but one of the principal causes has been overlooked, as we think. The Committee on Correspondence has its finger, as it were, on the pulse of the Rite, in all the jurisdictions, and by a comparison of symptoms, is able to determine the *diagnosis* of any ailment that affects it."

"A careful comparison of its condition in different years and in different jurisdictions, leads us to the conclusion that one cause of the decline in interest has been and is, the *inefficiency of Grand Officers*. Too many Grand Masters have been merely what Companion Theobald, of Ohio, calls a mere "figure head," who exhaust their labors in a wail for a lack of interest in the Rite. Too many Grand Recorders passively receive the returns, and content themselves with scolding in their reports about the "lack of interest" in the craft. What should we think of a General who, when informed that in certain corps of his army discipline was neglected, should sit in his tent and bewail the unfortunate state of his command? The efficiency and inefficiency of Grand Masters and Grand Recorders are felt throughout the entire jurisdiction. When there is a lack of interest and a failure to perform duty among the Councils, it is the duty of the Grand Master to use the necessary efforts to correct the evils. If the Grand Recorders would even pursue the delinquent Councils with persistent correspondence, it would do a vast deal of good. But if the Grand Master would visit Councils in person or by deputy, he would be able to infuse a new life into them. It frequently happens that the officers of a Council are dead weights upon it, while in the ranks are many Companions who would gladly work in the cause if they had an opportunity. A visit of the Grand Officers to such a body would correct the evil."

We fully agree with Companion Drummond. Let us have more "workers" and less "figure heads" as Grand Officers, and we need have no fears about the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry. The rank and file are all right; if they are only properly officered.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond was appointed chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

MASSACHUSETTS—1875.

The Annual Assembly of Select and Royal Masters of Massachusetts was held at the city of Boston, December 8th, 1875.

Companion Thomas Elliott St. John, M. S. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is good, but refers to matters mostly within his own jurisdiction.

He refers very feelingly to the death of Rev. George Summerfield Noyes, who died in Boston, February 16th, 1875. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for that Grand Council. A memorial page was set aside to his memory in the Proceedings.

Companion J. W. Dadmun submitted a short Report on Correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty two Grand Councils.

He excuses the brevity of his report on the ground that by some unintentional mistake the proceedings did not come into his hands until the day of the Annual Assembly.

He says:

"To attempt to review at this late hour would subject us to a cross-fire from those old veteran reporters, Drummond, Carson, Miles, Gouley, and others, which might endanger the reputation if not the head of a mere novice, so we will simply make our bow and shake hands in our heart with all, and bid them Godspeed. Massachusetts sends her heartfelt greetings to her sister Grand Councils, and rejoices in peace and harmony throughout her jurisdiction."

Companion Charles J. Danforth was elected M.°. Ill.°. Grand Master, and Companion John Haigh, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1876.

Grand Council was held at Boston, December 13th, 1876.

Grand Master Charles J. Danforth, with the assistance of the representatives of nineteen Subordinate Councils, opened in ample form.

His address of the Grand Master was very good indeed. He talks good common sense. He believes that the Cryptic degrees have all the conditions of success if we will accept the conditions and press forward with the work. He believes in the old motto, *Labor vincit omnia*. In his closing he says:

"Companions, the study and experience of the past year convinces me that nothing is needed to put forward the Cryptic Degrees on the high road to success, that we do not already possess. It is the one condition that attaches to every condition and circumstance in life. When the first pair were driven from the Garden of Eden, one condition was attached to them and their posterity through all time: 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.' According to the performance of this condition is the success of every circumstance in life. Our own Order is bound by the same condition; to make it successful we must work for it. Will and energy can do it, and no substitute can be found for either will or energy. 'Let us then be up and doing.' Increase our numbers, and so increase our strength. Impress every Royal Arch Mason with the conviction that the only legitimate advance in Masonry is through the Council degrees, and that 'these Cryptic Rites are peculiarly adapted to reveal the hidden hand that, amidst all life's vicissitudes, is safely holding the treasures that every true heart most sacredly reveres.'

"LET OUR WATCHWORD BE WAKE UP!

"O sleep not then as others do;
Awake, be vigilant, be brave;
The coward and the sluggard too
Must wear the fetters of the slave."

The New York Convention work was adopted.

Companion Charles J. Danforth re-elected Grand Master.

Companion John Haigh re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Rev. Thomas E. St. John submitted a carefully written report on Correspondence, in which he courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our own receiving fraternal notice. His report is among the best we have

received. He seems to look through a different glass than that of our Companion Henderson, of Kentucky, who saw nothing but "dry husks" in the proceedings of sister Grand Councils. Companion St. John says in his conclusion, that he has not found them dull nor uninteresting, but rather full of suggestions concerning the value and beauty of our noble Order.

We are glad that Companion St. John was re-appointed chairman of the committee for the ensuing year. We hope to hear from him again.

MICHIGAN—1876.

Grand Council assembled at Detroit, June 17th, 1876.

Represented—thirty-six councils.

Companion M. Mansfield, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master's address refers exclusively to his official duties during the year, which were quite extensive.

Charters were granted to seven new councils.

Companion George Hill, of Portland, was elected M. I. Grand Master.

Companion G. B. Noble was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion Noble, Grand Secretary, in which in his usual able and interesting manner he reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils.

In closing his report he predicts that the Council degrees will stand upon their own merits.

So say we, Companion Noble.

MISSISSIPPI—1876.

The eighteenth annual assembly of this Grand Council was held at the city of Jackson, commencing February 1st, 1876. Companion Harvey W. Walter, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-seven subordinate councils represented. Seven were not represented.

The Grand Master reports that his official position for the past year has been a perfect sinecure. That he has neither received nor written a letter, granted a dispensation, arrested or suspended a charter, or answered a question. Though willing to work he has found nothing to do, and consequently has nothing to report. He says that "Peace, quiet and perfect *stagnation* prevail throughout the order in that State. He concludes that the refusal of the General Grand Encampment to make the Royal and Select Master's degrees prerequisite to the reception of the degrees of the Encampment, has proven the death of Cryptic Masonry in that State.

We did suppose that we knew something about the history of the Masonic degrees, but Companion Walter staggers us. He speaks about severing the Royal and Select degrees from the Royal Arch. When, by whom, or in what manner, he

does not tell us, and we don't know. We ask for light—shall we receive it? We have never understood that the Cryptic degrees were ever a part of the Royal Arch. We only supposed they were conferred on Royal Arch Masons at one time as honorary degrees. Our information in regard to the introduction of the Cryptic rite in the United States is as follows: Joseph Myers brought the rituals to Charleston, S. C., and deposited them in the archives of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, in February, 1788; they were then and for a long time afterward communicated without fee as *side degrees* by the S.°, or D.°, G.°, I.°, G.°, of the A.°, and A.° S.° R.°, upon such Masons as had made sufficient advancement to receive them, that is, either Royal Arch Masons of the American system, as arranged by Webb, or Knights of the Ninth Arch or Royal Arch of Solomon, of the A.° and A.° S.° Rite—but were never communicated to, or conferred upon any Masons beneath that grade. After a time Councils were established in the Southern States under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the A.° and A.° S.° Rite for the Southern jurisdiction. The Southern Supreme Council claimed jurisdiction over them until its session of 1870, when it surrendered its claim. The Northern Supreme Council never claimed any jurisdiction over them. Sometime, about 1814 Jeremy L. Cross got these degrees from Philip Eichel of Maryland, and disseminated them in New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. We are of the opinion that all the Councils in the United States sprung from the same fountain head, that is the rituals deposited by Myers in the archives of the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, in Charleston, S. C. The original ritual gave the order, Royal and Select Masters; Cross changed the order so that the Select came first, to wit: Select and Royal Masters. Eichel conferred them on Royal Arch Masons as side degrees. Cross communicated them at pleasure upon Royal Arch Masons, and Councils were organized by those who had received the degrees from or through Cross. The General Grand Chapter in 1829 authorized the Grand Chapters, in those States where there were no Grand Councils, to make arrangements for conferring the degrees in the Chapters, allowing any one that was in possession of them to confer them upon Royal Arch Masons. This, however, was repealed in 1853. In Maryland these degrees, for a time, were conferred in the Chapters between the M.° E.° and R.° A.°. In Virginia we understand they were given before the M.° E.°. But we fail to recognize any reason or consistency in so doing in either case. In Mississippi they propose in the future to "give up the ship" as to the Grand Council and subordinate councils, and surrender the degrees to the Grand Chapter, and confer the same, the Royal before, and the Select after the Royal Arch. They propose to petition the General Grand Chapter to permit them so to do.

We opine that the General Grand Chapter will knock their proposition "higher than a kite." Then how will the companions feel. We fear our companions are what we call up here "a little fast." It looks to us a good deal like getting married without a license.

We shall see what we shall see.

Companion P. M. Savory was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion J. L. Power was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Companion Wm. L. Patton. He briefly and courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils. His conclusion is good indeed, we would like to quote it in full, but space forbids. We hope to hear from him again. Don't desert the "ship," Companion Patton, though she be "becalmed" in the stagnant waters of indifference and despair. Wake up the sleeping sentinels; drive them out; put the vigilant in their places; get pilots that know how to handle the wheel, and who will find something to do; find a captain that will keep the crew wide awake. Get up steam some way, and make her go. But if you must die, die game, don't surrender.

MISSOURI—1875.

This Grand Council assembled at St. Louis, October 8th, 1875, presided over by W. W. Garth, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master refers to matters mostly local, and not of interest outside that jurisdiction. He seems to express himself as somewhat dissatisfied at the action of the Grand Encampment of the United States refusing to make the Cryptic Degrees prerequisite to the orders of Knighthood.

The committee to whom the address was referred, in their report expressed themselves still hopeful, and come to the conclusion that "perhaps, after all, it is best that Cryptic Masonry should be left to stand or fall on its own merits; best, perhaps, that it should continue to be, as in the past, Select Masonry." They say:

"We believe it has merits of its own sufficient to keep up an effective organization, and we see, neither in Missouri nor elsewhere, signs of decay or dissolution."

Good for the committee. So say we.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$521.35 in treasury.

Noah M. Givan, of Harrisonville, was elected M. Ill. G. Master, and Geo. Frank Gouley was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Gouley submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed, in his usual able manner, the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils.

His taste seems to differ somewhat from that of Companion Miles, of Illinois, and Companion Langridge, of Iowa, over the question of where the report of the Committee on Correspondence should be inserted in the proceedings. They seem to think it good taste to *inject* them right in the middle of the printed proceedings—he thinks it would be better in an appendix.

Mere matter of taste, companions, they read well in either place.

Companion Gouley's "conclusion" is *very good indeed*. We are inclined to "scissor" the whole, but must be content with the closing, in which he says:

"Why should there not be found in the whole philosophy of Freemasonry some quiet and secluded retreat for the soul, separate and distinct from the material vicissitudes and daily wants of life; some little but beautiful temple where the mind might dwell, even if only for one evening in a month, with the sincere, the true and the spiritual of soul-like devotion at the shrine of fidelity, lit up with the sacred fires of an undying faith in the bond which binds man to man? Why should not our secret vault, beneath the temples of the world, shut out from the glare of sunlight, and far removed from the noise and tumult of a busy life, be that retreat? It should be and must be, to fulfill the part assigned it by its ritual and principles. The Cryptic should have an atmosphere solely its own, and when we breathe it we should feel that for the time being we are within the sacred circle of intelligence, warmed by the fires of kindred hearts. All doubt, all suspicion, all wrangling and discord should be dismissed; and, while in the presence of an extinguished light, realize that in the sterling integrity of man it is demonstrated that Truth is a divine attribute, and that as God breathed into man the breath or soul of life, so shall that soul return unto the God who gave it. We would there learn the sublime lesson that 'no man lives or dies for himself' alone, but that he is a component part of the universe itself, however humble he may be."

Allan McDowell, of Greenfield was appointed Grand Lecturer, and George Frank Gouley, Foreign Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1876.

Grand Council met at St. Louis, October 6th, 1876.

Grand Master Noah M. Givan presided.

Seven subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is confined mostly to his official acts, which he says has been few. He made one official visitation during the year, and issued one dispensation for a new council. He regrets to state that Cryptic Masonry is unsought for and unknown to but very few of the 4,500 Royal Arch Masons of that State. He says only about one in seven has ever received the Council degrees. He thinks the only remedy, is that the Council degrees be made a part of the Chapter work, or be made a pre-requisite to the Temple orders, and recommends a new effort be made to bring about the latter. Still he thinks it will be of no avail, and had better not be relied on but rather that we should labor to make the Cryptic degrees self-sustaining, and to so improve the work as to attract to the secret retreat the Royal Arch Masons of the several jurisdictions.

The Treasury shows balance on hand, \$275.35.

Companion Wm. R. Stubblefield was elected Grand Master.

Companion Geo. Frank Gouley, for the twelfth time, was elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Gouley, in his usual curt and pointed style reviewed the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, among which Minnesota for 1876 received fraternal

notice. In his conclusion he states that "the general tenor of the proceedings shows an increased interest in the Rite, and a stronger spirit of self-reliance as an independent organization, than evinced in later years."

His whole report is very good indeed.

On the morning of the 11th of April last we were shocked with the sad and painful intelligence of the untimely death of that noble companion, for so long a time the able chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for Missouri. Killed by the burning of the Southern Hotel! "Cut off in the pride of his manhood, in the full fruition of his usefulness" This talented companion was too well known to the Masonic world as one of the brightest lights of the order, a brilliant writer, a ripe scholar, a ready debater and an open-handed, warm-hearted true friend and Mason. That no one would expect us to do more than, in silence to deposit the "sprig of Acacia," with the tens of thousands that mourn his loss, and drop the tear of affectionate regard to his memory.

"His column is broken." "His brethren mourn," Yet he himself has erected a monument of noble works and deeds which will hold his name and memory in holy keeping, and which will last when material tablets shall have crumbled into dust. Let us strive as best we can to emulate his many virtues, that it may be said of us, as is said of him, when we too shall be called from our labors here, "Well done! Well done! Enter into the rest prepared for the faithful."

NEBRASKA—1876.

From this jurisdiction we are favored with the proceedings for 1876 contained in a pamphlet of nineteen pages.

The Grand Council met at Tecumseh, December 21st, 1876, and was opened in ample form by Companion Charles F. Goodman, Grand Master, with the assistance of the representatives of four subordinate councils.

The Grand Master's address is very good, but refers mostly to his official acts. He appropriately refers to the decease of M. I. Companion John Blake, the first Grand Master of that Grand Council, who died at his home in Brownsville, January 10th, 1876. A memorial page is set apart in the proceedings to his memory.

No report in regard to the financial condition of the Grand Council, either by the Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer. What a comfort it must be to run Grand Bodies without money. Guess they *board round*.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Charles F. Goodman was re-elected Grand Master and Companion Wm. R. Bowen was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1875.

Grand Council convened at Concord, May 17th, 1875, and was presided over by John A. Harris, M. P. Grand Master.

Five subordinate councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty pages of the proceedings, and is a very careful and complete history of Cryptic Masonry in that State, since its first introduction therein, as far as any light can be obtained by oral or record evidence. According to his investigation the first council in New England was Tyrian Council of Royal Masters, established at Hopkinton, in that State, in 1815, which was soon after joined with a council of Select Masters in that place. His whole address is very instructive and worthy of perusal by every Masonic student in search of light in Cryptic Masonry. He has conferred a lasting benefit upon the companions in that jurisdiction, and for which future generations will rise up and call him blessed.

Oliver C. Fisher, of Heniker, was elected Grand Master, and John A. Harris, of Concord, was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council of Maryland was duly recognized.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY—1876-77.

Grand Council assembled at Trenton, January, 1876, and was presided over by John S. Hortley, M. I. Grand Master.

Seven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short but very good address, referring to matters of interest only within that jurisdiction.

Companion Corson, Grand Recorder, acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, but no review of the same was made.

Companion Charles C. Wells was elected Grand Master, and Companion Thomas J. Corson was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1877.

Grand Council assembled at Trenton, January 16th, 1877, and was presided over by Cornelius Vreeland, Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, on account of sickness.

Six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Grand Recorder. It was brief, and referred to his official acts.

Companion Corson, Grand Recorder, reported the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, including that of Minnesota. No review of the same.

Sorry, for we were looking for something good from Companion Corson.

Cornelius Vreeland was elected Grand Master; Thomas J. Corson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1876.

The Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of New York, on Tuesday, September 12th, 1876.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form by M. I. John B. Sackett, Grand Master, assisted by the representatives of twenty-three Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master submitted a very carefully written address of eighteen pages in the Proceedings. It contains a full detailed statement of his official acts and that of his District Deputies from the different localities of the State. He refers to at length, and feelingly announces, the death of Companion John J. Kelley, who died at the city of New York, March 9th, 1876. A suitable memorial page in the Proceedings is set apart to his memory.

The Grand Master called attention of the Grand Council to the action of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, which met at New Orleans in December, 1874, in regard to the memorial of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters that met at New York in 1873, requesting the Encampment to make the Cryptic Degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. He regrets much the action of the Grand Encampment adversely to the prayer of the memorialists. He quotes extensively from the reports of sister Grand Councils in regard to the condition of Cryptic Masonry; is in favor of making one more effort to persuade the General Grand Encampment to take such action in the matter as will finally settle the whole subject forever; and recommends a committee of three from each Grand Council, and that the several committees form one general committee, to appear before the Grand Encampment which meets at Cleveland in 1877.

The plan of the Grand Master was adopted by the Grand Council.

He closes his address as follows:

"Devoted to the interests of Cryptic Masonry, I look over the field and see the blighting effects of the mildew and rust of carelessness and neglect, and my heart is sad within me; and yet there should be in a great jurisdiction like that of New York, an abundant harvest. Let us once more consecrate ourselves to this noble work, and press forward with renewed vigor for the full accomplishment of that object; and for one, I pledge myself that I will in the future, as in the past, lend my feeble efforts to assist my companions in advancing the interests of our Cryptic Rite.

To-morrow I shall be among you an humble member on the floor of this Grand Council, while another, who is more worthy and much better qualified, will succeed me in the discharge of these important duties."

Companion Charles G. Hudson (chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence), by invitation delivered before the Grand Council one of the best and most practical addresses we have ever listened to or read. We looked it over in order to select extracts, but found it hard to choose. We would like to quote it in full, but must content ourselves with the following:

"Masons are supposed to have intellects; they are supposed to be capable of doing something higher than always to wait around an ante-room, and crack jokes, or burn the weed, or expectorate tobacco juice.

"When there are no degrees to confer; when the officers can work the ritual perfectly; then let the intellectual part of our Order come in play, and at all times

let Masonic improvement be in order, and as M. E. Ms. let Masonic light and information be diffused; let the Constitution be read; let important Masonic questions be discussed. Why should not our presiding officers, or some one for them, give addresses upon the history of Masonry? There are always new brethren and Companions ignorant of the history of the Fraternity. Why not thus give instruction upon the nature of Masonry and its objects? Speak of its laws, its ancient charges, its landmarks. Reveal the meaning of its mysteries; unfold the hidden truth in its symbolism, or tell what is known concerning other ancient fraternities. There are books enough, histories enough, lexicons of Masonry enough, cyclopedias of Masonry enough; so that the zealous officer can have no excuse for not posting himself. If he is not willing to do so, he is not the man we want for Master. If he say he has not time enough, then he has not time enough to preside over a Council. If he think there is no use in doing these things, then he better take off his hat, and go and stand by the side of the youngest E. A. in the northeast corner.

"If the presiding officer say, like Moses, that he is not ready of speech, he can always find an Aaron to speak for him. If he have not the pen of a ready writer, he can at least read from the works of others.

"If some such things are done in our Assemblies, instead of hurrying through the work, clipping the ritual, and opening and closing without ceremony, and allowing the sole instruction and information the candidate receives to be the jocose remarks of the Companions, not to stick his nose into every door he sees ajar; I say, if we strive to carry out the spirit of Masonry in every direction, there will not be any need of running all over town to drum up a quorum, but the trouble will be to keep within three times nine. If such things are done, our Companions will be better men in the Order, better men in society, true prosperity will attend our labors, and our deeds will be our truest recommendation to the world of the excellence of our Fraternity."

Good enough. He closes in the following truthful and beautiful language:

"Once more we exhort to renewed zeal and diligence in our labors. Long-fellow says—

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal."

"Even so Masonry is real and earnest; not mere play, not mere pastime, not a mere recreation of an idle hour, but full of genuine labor, having a glorious work to do, both for ourselves and for humanity. There is a grand future before us. May the world be better and nobler for the existence of our fraternity, and may each one of us, in the day when we have to pass the Grand Overseer, be found to be 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion Hudson, and is one that does a man's soul good to read. He reviews in a very courteous, able and interesting manner, the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, among which our own receives fraternal and generous notice. He rejoices that the financial scourge has not been shaken over him, and that he has not been limited in his report by the man who wears the crossed keys.

Under the head of Connecticut, he says:

"We like the plan of the lodges in Germany, to advance no one under a year, if we remember rightly, and not until he has attended a certain number of lodges of instruction. It would be well if we assembled more frequently for instruction, and if no Master Mason should be allowed to enter the Chapter under a year after receiving the sublime degree, and another year intervene after his exaltation, before entering the next higher body. How often it has seemed a solemn mockery and a farce to us to answer for the candidate of yesterday, that he had made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree to entitle him to the next, when all knew that he hardly remembered the signs and grip.

"The brain, like the stomach, cannot digest too much at one time. A little Masonry well learned, well considered, well practiced, and well loved, is far better than all the K. Ts., 18s, 30s, 32s, and 33s, that were ever tacked to man's name.

"Some of the best, brightest, and most zealous Masons we have ever known, had taken three degrees only.

"We wish that in every Grand Council the principal officers, as in Connecticut, had a portion of the jurisdiction assigned to them for official visitation and oversight, and were required to report their doings, instead of sitting in the East,

'As idle as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean,'

counting on their fingers the years that intervene before they may become the wearer of the hat."

His conclusion is good; our inclination is to quote it, but we must forbear; time and space forbid. We are glad to see that Companion Hudson is re-appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We hope to hear from him again.

Companion George M. Osgoodby, of Nunda, was elected Grand Master.

Companion George Van Vliet, of New York city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1876.

The annual assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Charlotte, June 7th, 1876, and was opened in ample form by Companion John Nichols, M. I. Grand Master.

Four subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was short and referred mostly to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that State. Although he expresses himself as somewhat discouraged, he is not one of those entirely without hope. In closing he says:

"Finally, Companions, practice the sublime teachings of Masonry; inculcate its moral principles on every occasion, and show to the world that you are not Masons in name only, but Masons in the broadest sense of that distinguished appellation; 'and then, and then only, can you feel that friendship, that union, that zeal and that purity of heart which should actuate every one, who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman that needeth not be ashamed.'"

Companion John Nichols submitted a concise but excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he courteously reviewed the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, our own included.

Under the head of Illinois, he says:

"It may be unmasonic not to be affiliated, but by what right can Lodge, Chapter or Council compel a Mason to remain a Mason against his will?

"We believe in *Free* Masonry, and whenever a Mason wishes to sever his connection with the order, we believe in permitting him to depart in peace. If he can do without the order can as easily do without him."

We agree. We think so too.

In his conclusion he says:

"We trust that a brighter day awaits Cryptic Masonry throughout the entire country; and especially do we desire to see for it a renewed interest manifested by

the companions of our own State. We hope the time is not far distant when these beautiful and impressive degrees will be fully appreciated, and that they will be regarded, as they really are, essential to the completeness of the Royal Arch degree, which, as now conferred and taught in most of the States, is not complete without the beautiful and impressive degrees of Royal and Select Master."

He don't believe in "giving up the ship" if they have done so in Mississippi.

Companion C. M. Van Orsdell was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Donald W. Bain was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion John Nichols was appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

OHIO—1875.

The forty-fifth annual assembly of this Grand Council convened at Beebe Hall, Put-in-Bay, on the 8th day of September, 1875.

Fifty-two subordinate councils represented.

The charters of three subordinate councils were forfeited for failure to pay dues and to be represented for over two years.

Grand Master Henry Theobald presided over the assembly. His annual address is quite interesting but refers principally to his official labors during the year and matters purely of a local nature.

Companion Cunningham submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews in a very careful and courteous manner the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils. He concludes in words as follows:

"In concluding this report your committee congratulates the companions of this jurisdiction upon the general prosperity of Cryptic Masonry.

"While there are doleful refrains from within a few jurisdictions, yet a large majority of the Grand Councils are harmonious and prosperous. A total membership of over twenty-five thousand companions within the United States, is a sufficient evidence of the solid foundation of our beautiful Rite, and of the high position to which it has attained, despite the sneers of its enemies from without, and the wailing of the doleful doubters within our own ranks.

"In this connection the greatest injury to the Cryptic Rite has doubtless been inflicted by its own members. Our organization having been so often placed in an unenviable position by their pitiful supplications of 'Recognize us, recognize us, or we perish!' that other bodies have been led to consider the Cryptic Rite a sick member of the American system of degrees.

"It is a pleasure, however, to observe that this feeling is passing away throughout the United States, and that the true principle that Cryptic Masonry is no suppliant for that courteous and fraternal recognition which should belong to it of right, is now a prevailing sentiment.

"Therefore, companions, let us be true to ourselves and by patient waiting, the weeding out of the selfish drones from within, and by debarring the unworthy from entering our portals from without, continue to impress upon the minds of those among us the beauty and truth contained in its teachings, and Knightly recognition will ultimately follow as a natural sequence, and be deemed a privilege, as it should be, rather than as a favor."

Every word of which we heartily endorse.

Companion Samuel W. Courtwright was elected Grand Master, and Companion John D. Caldwell was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1876.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the forty-sixth annual assembly of this Grand Council, which convened at Put-in-Bay, August 10th, 1876.

Forty-eight councils represented.

The Grand Master, Companion Samuel W. Courtwright, submitted a very excellent address giving a concise statement of his official acts.

He congratulates the companions of that jurisdiction in this wise:—

“Cryptic Masonry, in this Grand jurisdiction has, during the past year, been making a steady, and as we believe, a healthy growth. And although this Grand Council was organized less than a half century ago, yet we have within this Grand jurisdiction nearly as great a number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters as any other Grand jurisdiction in the Union.”

The following question was presented for his decision, to wit:

“Question.—Whether a council has the right to refund the fee deposited by a candidate who petitions the council for the degrees of Royal and Select Master and is elected, but fails to present himself for the purpose of receiving the degrees?”

He decided in the negative, adding that “after a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees he is entitled to receive them at any time thereafter, unless objection be interposed by some member or members of the Council. In that event the fee should be refunded the candidate, and the facts entered upon the minutes of the Council.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolution which was adopted by the Grand Council:

“*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Master denying the subordinate councils the right to return the fees of candidates who have been elected, and who neglect to take the degrees be, and the same is hereby reversed.”

Companion Theobald submitted a minority report, which, while we endorse the resolution of the majority, we think equally good *Masonic law*. It is as follows: “That, where a candidate is elected to receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and neglects to avail himself of such election, he thereby forfeits his right to the fees on deposit.”

The matter is simply discretionary with the council to *return* or *retain* the fees. The candidate has no right to demand, yet the council may return the fees if it sees fit to do so.

Companion Will M. Cunningham submitted a very elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he ably and courteously reviewed the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, our own receiving kindly mention.

He, however, refuses to conform to the taste of Companion Gouley, but inserts his report in the middle of the printed proceedings, instead of at the end as an appendix, and instead of being *ashamed of himself*, as Companion Gouley suggests he ought to be, he asserts and insists that his way is the right way to do.

Under the head of Missouri he says: “Your committee fail to see any point in his criticism upon those Grand Councils who do not print their reports on Foreign Correspondence as an appendix; as, unless printed without previous presentation to

the Grand Council, all reports should appear in the proceedings when and where submitted. It would be fully as appropriate to append a report on Jurisprudence, Grievance, or on Charters and Dispensations, in an appendix, as that upon Foreign Correspondence, unless the report is an after-birth, written to fill out the proceedings to a more pretentious size. In that event we would not differ with him."

However Companion Cunningham and Companion Gouley may differ as regards taste, their reports are both *par excellence*.

We fully agree with Companion Cunningham in his dissenting from the views of Companion Gouley favoring the merging of the Council degrees into Capitular Masonry. He says, "Cryptic Masonry can stand upon its own merits, without any 'dove-tailing process.'" In concluding his report, he says:

"Your committee would again congratulate the companions of the Cryptic Rite upon the prosperity and harmony prevailing among so many of our sister Grand Councils, and within the *working* councils of our own jurisdiction.

"It is to be regretted that within a few jurisdictions chronic 'apathy' and 'want of interest' is the principal theme in their reports. The remedy, however, is within themselves, and easily attained. Zealous, earnest work, and a judicious selection of officers within subordinate councils, will doubtless remedy all evils of that kind.

"In this connection, too much haste to get through with work, too little zeal to have that which *is* done, *well done*, and the selection of incompetent officers out of compliment to the individual, are the causes of nearly if not all of the evils existing in ALL MASONIC BODIES, GRAND AND SUBORDINATE.

"Companions, let us all, in 'act, word and deed,' seek an endowment of that love and wisdom from the Divine Being that will enable us to establish our beautiful Rite within our *own* hearts. Then will its teachings be felt and revered by others, and all who love the institution 'for its own sake' will desire to become recipients of our select grades."

Companion Samuel W. Courtwright was re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion John D. Caldwell was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Wm. M. Cunningham was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ONTARIO—1875.

We are favored with a very pleasing and attractive pamphlet containing the proceedings of our Companions "over the border", for 1875. It contains the portraits of Grand Master Daniel Spry and Grand Recorder James B. Nixon. This Grand Council met at Toronto, August 10th, 1875, M. Ill. Companion Daniel Spry, Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Subordinate Councils represented. It was the fifth Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, reviewing his labors for the Masonic year. He spoke very encouragingly of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in that jurisdiction. He states that he has become satisfied that where Councils languish it is due to a considerable extent, if not altogether, to incompetent officers. He says:

"Unfortunately, we have Companions who desire to hold office to gratify their ambition, who are utterly unable to discharge the obligations imposed upon them as rulers of the craft."

He urges upon the Companions that they can not be too careful in the selection of their officers. He refers very appropriately to the death of M. W. Col. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who died in January, 1875. He also expresses sympathy with other jurisdictions, in the loss of Illustrious Companions.

He made four decisions which are not, however, of importance to the Craft in this jurisdiction, yet, we believe, are strictly in accordance with Masonic law. It did us good to read his address. His words are cheering and encouraging.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand in treasury, \$43.80.

Companion James B. Nixon submitted a very good Report on Correspondence. In a very pleasing and courteous manner he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils.

We would like to quote extensively from his report, but time and space forbid.

The Grand Council adopted the work of the New York Convention.

Companion Daniel Spry was re-elected Grand Master.

Companion James B. Nixon was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1876.

The thirtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council met at Reading, on the 16th day of February, 1876, Companion Christian F. Knapp, Most Puissant Grand Master, presiding.

Fourteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very full report of his official acts during the year. He made eighteen official visitations. He states that he found a marked improvement in the rendering of the work. He also states that he devoted thirty-six days to the work; traveled twenty-seven hundred miles, and expended for traveling, postage, and express, \$175.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$949.64 in the treasury.

No Report on Correspondence.

Companion Geter C. Shidle was elected M. P. Grand Master.

Companion Charles E. Meyer was re-elected Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS.

Number of Chartered Councils,	-	-	-	-	27
“ greeted during the year,	-	-	-	-	58
“ admitted “ “	-	-	-	-	5
“ dimitted “ “	-	-	-	-	29
“ expelled “ “	-	-	-	-	1
“ suspended “ “	-	-	-	-	65
“ died “ “	-	-	-	-	25
Total membership,	-	-	-	-	1968

PENNSYLVANIA—1877.

This Grand Council was held at Lebanon, February 21st, 1877. It was the thirty-first Annual Assembly. Ill. Companion Geter C. Shidle, M. P. Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master read a short address referring to his official acts.

The Cryptic Rite is in a high degree of prosperity in the Keystone State.

The treasury shows a balance on hand of \$1399.29.

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master Shidle was re-elected.

Companion Charles E. Meyer was re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND—1870 TO 1875, INCLUSIVE.

The Proceedings of this Grand Council for 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, and 1875, come to us under one cover. The proceedings prior to 1875 were simply local; no address from the Grand Master, and no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The fifteenth Annual Assembly convened March 8th, 1875, and was presided over by Companion Albert H. Cushman, M. P. Grand Master.

Two Subordinate Councils represented.

Number of chartered Councils,	-	-	-	-	5
“ greeted during the year,	-	-	-	-	23
Amount of dues received,	-	-	-	-	\$54.00
“ in Grand Treasury,	-	-	-	-	\$229.84

The Grand Master delivered a short address reviewing his doings during the year.

On the first page of the Proceedings is the portrait of Most Puissant Grand Master James Salisbury, the first Grand Master of the State. A memorial page is also set aside to his memory. He died June 19th, 1872, aged 80 years. A memorial page is also inscribed to the memory of Ill. Companion Samuel Lewis, the first Ill. Master of that Grand Council, who died September 26th, 1873, aged 76 years.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion Walter Blodget, in which he courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils. Minnesota for 1873 receives passing notice.

Companion A. H. Cushman was re-elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and Companion Walter Blodget re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1875.

Grand Council was held at the city of Charleston, February 10th, 1875. Was opened in ample form by Companion Wilmot G. DeLaussure, with the assistance of the representatives of nine subordinate councils.

The Grand Master's address was good, but contains very little of interest outside of that jurisdiction. He speaks feelingly of the death of two prominent Masons in that jurisdiction, Robert Stewart Bruns, who died February 14th, 1874, and Benjamin Rush Campbell, who died October 27th, 1874. He, in a very able and impressive manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils.

Companion Wilmot G. DeLaussure was re-elected Most Ill.^l. Grand Master and Companion A. Lindstrom was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1876.

We also received under the same cover the proceedings of 1876. The Grand Council assembled in the city of Charleston, February 16th, 1876, and was opened in ample form by Grand Master Wilmot G. DeLassure, assisted by the representatives of ten subordinate councils.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address. He expresses himself hopeful for the future, and says that during the past year, a reviving interest in Cryptic Masonry has been exhibited in that jurisdiction. He closes with the following beautiful remarks;

“Permit me to invoke upon your labors the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to pray that He will so direct them, that good may result to our fellow men and to ourselves from what is done in this Secret Vault. The duties which we are here called upon to perform are done in Secrecy, Silence and Darkness, but to the All-Seeing eye, the ‘night is no darkness.’ The important lessons of charity, forbearance and good-will, which we learn here, if profited by and practiced, must lead us humbly and reverently and hopefully to approach Him who taught us to pray, ‘forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.’”

The Grand Master presented a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he impartially reviewed the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils.

We are glad to see that such a leader of the craft is appreciated by the companions of South Carolina. If we had more such Grand Masters as he we would be more hopeful in regard to the future prosperity of our order.

He was re-elected, and Companion A. Lindstrom was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1875.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Nashville, November 8th, 1875.

Thirty-three Councils represented.

Most Illustrious Grand Master W. R. Shaver presided.

The address of the Grand Master is a very excellent production, but is confined mostly to matters of interest to that jurisdiction. He refers very feelingly to the

death of Past Illustrious Deputy Grand Master John W. Paxton, who died at Knoxville on the 9th day of December, 1874. A memorial page in the Proceedings was inscribed to his memory.

The charters of six Councils were declared forfeited for non-representation, and making no returns, as required by order of the Grand Council.

It seems that the Committee on Correspondence submitted a report, which was received and filed, but was not printed in the Proceedings.

Companion H. M. Aiken, of Knoxville, was elected M. I. Grand Master.

Companion John Frizzell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

This Grand Council was first organized October 13th, 1847, and has missed but two assemblies since its organization (1862 and 1864) hence this is its 26th assembly.

STATISTICS.

Number of Chartered Councils,	-	-	-	-	-	45
“ degrees conferred during the year,	-	-	-	-	-	46
“ admitted,	-	-	-	-	-	20
“ withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	32
“ expelled,	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ suspended,	-	-	-	-	-	54
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	26
“ restored	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total membership,	-	-	-	-	-	1389

It seems that the Grand Council appropriated the sum of \$125 to Companion John S. Dashiell, for his services as one of a special committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder.

Quam quo altus est ?

TENNESSEE—1876.

The twenty-seventh Assembly was held at Nashville, November 16th, 1876.

Companion H. M. Aiken, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presided.

Thirty Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address. He expresses himself with sincere regret that he is not able to report the Order in that State in a more healthy and flourishing condition. He seems to favor the consolidation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry.

He closes in the following beautiful language :

“ Let the depressions and the difficulties under which we labor be the inspiration to more enlarged desire and fuller earnestness.

“ Among the ancients, leaves from the palm tree were chosen to reward the victors in their games, because that tree rises against a weight placed upon it. So let us, in fancy, at least, wreath about our Subordinate Councils chaplets of palm leaves, which shall constantly remind and stimulate us to bear up and press on courageously and hopefully under adverse and unpromising surroundings.

"Let us, as well in the more public walks of life as in our Councils, quit ourselves as men, remembering that—

'We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
We should count time by heart-throbs He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.'

"Thus alone, my companions, can we, as members of society and of the Masonic Order, live up to the measure of our duty and our opportunities."

The Grand Treasurer reports in treasury, \$580.15.

A committee of five was appointed to present to the Grand Chapter of that State the wish of the Grand Council to place the degrees of Royal and Select Masters under the control of the Chapter.

That looks a good deal like "giving up the ship."

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion B. F. Haller was elected Grand Master, and Companion John Frizell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1875.

This Grand Council met in the city of Burlington, June 10th, 1875. Edward S. Dana, Most Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very expressive and well written address, referring to matters within that jurisdiction. He refers to the death of Companion Dr. George M. Hall, who died August 25th, 1875. He was an old veteran in Masonry in that State.

A memorial page in the printed proceedings was assigned to the deceased companion.

The Committee of Correspondence were granted further time to complete their report, with orders to complete the same in time to publish it in the printed proceedings, which orders were disobeyed, as no report is published.

Companion Edward S. Dana was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Wm. H. S. Whitcomb Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1876.

This Grand Council held its nineteenth annual assembly in the city of Milwaukee, February 14th, 1876. J. P. C. Cottrill, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports that he was not called upon to perform any official act except only in one instance, and that only to grant dispensation to confer degrees at a special assembly. He, however, reports a general condition of prosperity and progress in Cryptic Masonry in that State, and entire harmony among the companions.

Companion Wm. C. Swain submitted a very extensive and able report on Correspondence, in which he courteously and pleasantly reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils. If that is his maiden effort, as he says it is, we would be glad to see him continue in so "well doing."

He closes his report with the following very truthful statement in which, to use the language of another, we say, "expresses our mind exactly:"

"The only panacea we know of for sick councils, is the election of officers who will make the assemblies interesting. We do not think it is necessary to meet as often as most of our Masonic bodies are in the habit of doing. Let it be understood that the council will meet, perhaps, once a month; then when the regular assembly night comes there will *be* an assembly, and that the meetings will be made interesting, and there are few intelligent Masons who would not be willing to devote *one* evening in a month to this grade.

"There seems to be a general impression that the main object of the existence of all our Masonic bodies, is to make Masons, and although we deny this in theory, we practically admit it by calling those bodies dead which have no candidates. When we correct this impression, and teach our companions practically that there are other objects sought to be attained by our institution, and that there are other methods of making our gatherings interesting, we shall hear no more complaint of apathy and indifference; and we know of no Masonic grade that would profit more by such instruction than the Council."

Companion James L. Bridge, of Berlin, was elected Grand Master, and Companion John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Woodhull was appointed chairman of committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WISCONSIN—1877.

Grand Council held its twentieth Annual Assembly at Milwaukee, February 19th, 1877. Companion James L. Bridge, M. I. G. M., presided.

Present, the representatives of eight Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master submitted a very excellent address, and one which it does our souls good to read, after reading those so expressive of discouragement and despair, submitted in some other jurisdictions. We would be glad to quote it in full, but we find that our report is liable to take up "much" space in the proceedings. But we are sure that Companion Bridge is one of those of whom even Companion Drummond could find no fault.

Companion John W. Woodhull submitted a very able and masterly Report on Correspondence, in which he carefully reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, our own for some reason not included.

Under the head of Kentucky, after quoting most of Companion Henderson's "conclusion," he says:

"Companion Henderson has no business wasting his valuable intellect over reports on Correspondence. He would do far better as an evangelist, for if he could n't convert the poor wicked cusses, he could tickle them, which might result in more good. We are indeed sorry that this Illustrious Companion could find nothing in the Grand Council Reports worthy of his metal. At least one of *the nine*

should have been prepared for his especial edification. Wisconsin not being among those reviewed by this wild (?) Kentucky giant, we do not take his flattering remarks to heart at all, but just laugh in our sleeve a little when we think how fortunately we escaped the onslaught of this head smashing warrior."

He credits Michigan as being ahead of all others in the United States—well up in the ritual, prompt in payment of dues, and as being entitled to the "banner."

Under the head of Mississippi he says:

"Like the man who whipped every boy in the neighborhood because one of them stole his melons, Companion Walter whips the whole catalogue of Masonic institutions because the Grand Encampment did not make the Council degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, in 1874."

His conclusion is excellent. We would like to quote it in full, but time and space forbid.

Companion James L. Bridge was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion John W. Woodhull was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

Well, we have reached the *finale* of our task; and such as it is, we produce our work for inspection. We are glad that we have been favored with so many beautiful specimens of workmanship sent to us from other jurisdictions, and return thanks for the pleasure and enjoyment the examination has given us.

Great is the diversity of opinion expressed in regard to the future of the Cryptic Rite. Some are joyous, some hopeful, some indifferent, some on the verge of despair, while a few are even willing to "give up the ship," and seek shelter somewhere else. We can see no good reason to be discouraged. "Make haste slowly" is a good motto in Masonry. There is greater danger to the order from overgrowth, than of being dwarfed. Cryptic Masonry is select Masonry. "It waiteth for the bridegroom to seek the bride because he loveth her, instead of going out and compelling him to come in." While we see no good reason why the Grand Encampment should not make the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Chivalric, and hope it will be done, yet we do not see why we should be of "those without hope" in case it is not. Our experience has been that volunteer soldiers fight better than those that are pressed into the service. Compulsory marriages don't generally turn out well though the bride be never so fair. And we hazard a venture that the Mason who comes into the Council simply because he *must* before he can be "dubbed a knight," will not be among those that "sticketh closer than a brother."

We find the most murmuring in those jurisdictions in which in times of prosperity, Subordinate Councils have been multiplied and grown to undue proportions, and when reverses came upon them, were unable to "stem the tide," because financially embarrassed, got discouraged, lost interest, and finally gave up altogether. It has ever been thus in Masonry. In times of financial prosperity it increases in numbers; Lodges, Chapters and Councils multiply, and all rejoice. But when comes adversity, financial depression and embarrassment, it loses numerical strength,

charters are surrendered, the lights are extinguished around many of its altars, and the faint hearted murmur and are ready to give up in despair.

But the *faithful few* who have ever "borne the burden and heat of the day," who have done the most, and only regret that they have not been able to do more, with steady nerve and steadfast hope, still press on, patiently working, waiting and feeling that "all is well."

We are taught that the "patient are better than the valiant." Let us have patience. Let us "learn to labor and to wait." It is only required of us to do the best we can. We can not work miracles. We can not change the hearts of men. We can not raise the dead.

Let those that are sleeping at their posts be set aside. Let the lukewarm and indifferent drop out. Let those who have no desire to come in except as a stepping stone to gain the "Templar's spurs and feather," stay out. Let our Councils be made up of Royal and Select men—good men and true, who love and cherish the beauties of the S. V. because they are worthy of being loved and cherished, and who, come what will, will never, *never*, NEVER "give up the ship."

Respectfully submitted,


GROVE B. COOLEY,

Chairman of the Committee.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA.

1877.

GEO. W. COOLEY, M.: I.: G.: M.:	- - -	Minneapolis.
G. W. MERRILL, R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:	- - -	St. Paul.
ED. McDERMOTT, G.: P.: C.: W.:	- - -	Minneapolis.
MOSES W. GETCHELL, G.: Treasurer,	- - -	Minneapolis.
THEODORE BURKHARD, G.: Recorder,	- - -	St. Paul.
GROVE B. COOLEY, Ch'n Com. For. Cor.,	- - -	Minneapolis.

 The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota will be held in the city of Winona, commencing Tuesday, June 25th, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PROCEEDINGS
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PROCEEDINGS
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OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,
of the State of Minnesota, convened in Annual Assembly in the city
of St. Paul, on Tuesday, the 8th day of October, A. D. 1878; A. Dep.
2878.

PRESENT.

Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY, M. I. Grand Master.
Comp. G. W. MERRILL, R. I. Dep. Grand Master.
Comp. ED. McDERMOTT, R. I. G. P. C. of the W.
Comp. THEODORE BURKHARD, R. I. Grand Recorder.
Comp. GROVE B. COOLEY, Ill. Grand Chaplain.
Comp. S. J. WILLARD, as Ill. Grand C. of G.
Comp. DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, as Ill. Grand C. of C.
Comp. WM. A. SPAULDING, Ill. Grand M.

Comp. I. S. KELLOGG, as Ill. Grand Steward.

Comp. HARRY BURNINGHAM, as Ill. Grand Sentinel.

Comp. FRED. JOSS, P. M. Ill. G. M.

Together with the representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

St. Paul, No. 1.

Minneapolis, No. 2.

Tyrian, No. 4.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

On motion of Companion Baldwin, all Companions, R. and S. Masters in good standing, were invited to seats as visitors, in the Grand Council during this session.

On motion of Companion McDermott, the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Assembly was dispensed with.

The Grand Recorder announced the appointment, by the M. Ill. Grand Master, of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Credentials—Companions Dwight M. Baldwin, Fred. Joss, and G. W. Merrill.

On G. M. Address—Companions Ed. McDermott, S. J. Willard, and I. S. Kellogg.

On Returns—Companions Theo. Burkhard, G. W. Merrill, and Dwight M. Baldwin.

On Appeals and Grievances—Companions G. W. Merrill, Fred. Joss, and Edward McDermott.

On Finances—Companions Fred. Joss, Theo. Burkhard, and I. S. Kellogg.

On Jurisprudence—Companions Grove B. Cooley, Dwight M. Baldwin, and G. W. Merrill.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Grove B. Cooley, Theodore Burkhard, and Fred. L. Smith.

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report; which was accepted:

Your Committee on Credentials, having attended to the duty assigned, ask leave to report that there are Companions present entitled to seats as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Paul Council No. 1, Comp. G. W. Merrill, proxy for T.: I.: Master.

Minneapolis Council No. 2, Comp. Grove B. Cooley, T.: I.: Master; Comp.

W. A. Spaulding, proxy for P.: C.: of the W.:

Tyrian No. 4, Comp. Fred. Joss, T.: I.: Master; Comp. I. S. Kellogg, proxy for P.: C.: of the W.:

Adoniram No. 5, not represented.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Fred. Joss, P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:

Dwight M. Baldwin, P.: R.: I.: G.: M.:

GRAND OFFICERS.

George W. Cooley.	. . . . .	M.: I.: Grand Master.
G. W. Merrill.	. . . . .	R.: I.: Dep. Grand Master.
Ed. McDermott.	. . . . .	R.: I.: Grand P.: C.: of the W.:
Theodore Burkhard,	. . . . .	R.: I.: Grand Recorder.
Grove B. Cooley.	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
Wm. A. Spaulding,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.

Respectfully submitted.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
FRED. JOSS,
G. W. MERRILL,
Committee.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Geo. W. Cooley, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Since our last annual assembly we have added another page to the history of Cryptic Masonry. The records of the past year are before us, and in examining our work and comparing it with that of our sister jurisdictions, we will learn the progress that we have made.

It would have been better, perhaps, if I could have presented you with a report showing a more rapid growth of the order: but if it should appear that our position is secure, and that no disorganizing element exists among us, then we may safely congratulate ourselves that our labors have not been in vain.

I regret to inform you that among the Grand Councils a few have deserted us, and left those who have expressed themselves as willing to bear the burden,

to do so; but there are others, who, taking counsel of their pride and determination, stand boldly with us, and who may be depended upon to preserve and protect Cryptic Masonry for itself alone.

CONVENTION OF GRAND COUNCILS.

At our last assembly no provision was made for representation at the Buffalo Convention, but feeling that the interests of our order required such representation, I took the responsibility of visiting the Convention, to assist in the work, and present you with a report of the action therein taken.

The plan of organizing a General Grand Council was abandoned for the present.

The so-called "Mississippi plan" of uniting the Councils with the Chapters, ably advocated by Companions Walter and Howry, of Mississippi, and as ably opposed by Companion Osgoodry, of New York, and others, was freely discussed and disapproved by the Convention, by a vote of twelve to six; Minnesota being in the majority.

The appointment of a committee to visit the Grand Encampment in the interests of the prerequisite question, was provided for by the same vote; Minnesota voting in favor of it.

The Convention then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

The action taken in regard to the "Mississippi plan" in the General Grand Chapter is thus reported by Companion Josiah Drummond, of Maine:

"The 'Mississippi plan' was presented to the General Grand Chapter, discussed, and referred to a special committee, whose report was also discussed. At first it seemed satisfactory to the friends and opponents of the plan, as no grounds for its conclusions were stated; but when those were brought out in the discussion, it was found that the committee based it on the ground that the plan involved an amendment to the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and until that was done no Chapter had the right to confer any other degrees than those named in the constitution. This view prevailed, and the report was adopted without dissent; and thereupon the plan was proposed as an amendment to the constitution which, under the rules, cannot be acted upon until the triennial session of 1880. We think the members of the General Grand Chapter were against the measure by a very large majority.

In the Grand Encampment the necessary amendments to make our degrees prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported adversely, and their report was adopted. So that for the present we must stand where we have always stood, and where we are abundantly able to maintain our position, on our own merits.

Officially, besides my action at the Buffalo Convention, I have little to report beyond a few visitations. All the Councils are in possession of the work, as provided for at our last assembly.

I have felt sometimes that I would prefer to see in our subordinates a more rapid growth, but upon comparing our members with those of the order generally; I am satisfied that we are doing well enough. We might add to our rolls a great

many more names in a year than we do, but whether our order would be any better off than it is to-day would be an open question.

It was never intended that Masonry should be too cheap, and by making it more difficult for a companion to enter our secret vault we place ourselves exactly in the position indicated by our title. So let us remain.

In a few years from this time, unless I am greatly deceived, there will be a thundering at the doors of Cryptic Masonry that will require the most zealous care, to admit only good men and true. Until that time, let us guard well our doors.

FINANCES.

Our financial standing will be more clearly defined by the reports than I can present it.

Owing to the demands lately made upon the Order to supply the wants of other Companions, and on account of the condition of our treasury, I would not advise any assessment beyond a reasonable limit, believing that, if the Companions desire to publish the proceedings, a small contribution will suffice, in addition to our regular revenue.

I have not been called upon to render any decisions, nor to grant any dispensations except for an election in St. Paul Council No. 1.

And now, Companions, a few words in conclusion. You have stood well by Cryptic Masonry for the past few years. No very great amount of labor is required of you. No great sacrifices are demanded. Ever since you have honored me with the position I now hold, I have sent to other jurisdictions, in many ways, the assurance that Minnesota would never abandon these degrees as an independent order. Now, if you will sustain me in these assurances; if you will place in this chair as my successor, a Companion who will watch and protect our interests, you need never be afraid of the Mississippi plan gaining a foothold in this State.

I now close my second official year as Grand Master, with many thanks for your support, and, as before and ever, with my best wishes for your prosperity and the good of our Order.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
M.: I.: G.: M.:

The Committee on Returns of Councils submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils, respectfully reports, that they have examined the returns of St. Paul Council No. 1, Minneapolis Council No. 2, Tyrian Council No. 4, and Adoniram Council No. 5, and find the same to be correct.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

WORK DONE.

St. Paul No. 1.....	Passed the Circle.....	None.
Minneapolis No. 2.....	Passed the Circle.....	6
Tyrion No. 4.....	Passed the Circle.....	12
Adoniram No. 5.....	Passed the Circle.....	3
Total.....		21

THEO. BURKHARD,
G. W. MERRILL,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
Committee.

Companion S. J. Willard presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Council of Indiana, near the Grand Council of Minnesota; when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such representative.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS,

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session :

Your committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, respectfully report and recommend as follows:

That all that portion of said address relating to the visit of the Grand Master to the Convention at Buffalo, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That all that portion of the same in relation to the "Mississippi Plan" be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That as to that portion of said address which relates to the printing of the proceedings, your committee would recommend that an assessment be made on all Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, to defray the expenses.

Your committee respectfully concur in the residue of the address.

ED. McDERMOTT,
S. J. WILLARD,
I. S. KELLOGG,
Committee,

Companion Dwight M Baldwin offered the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved, That a per capita assessment be made upon each Subordinate Council in the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, for such an amount as may be required to pay for printing the proceedings of the Grand Council, and all other such expenses as may be approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid by the Grand Council.

Companion Theodore Burkhard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Illustrious Companion G. W. Merrill be appointed a committee to ascertain why St. Paul Council No. 1 did not pay its assessments, as ordered by the Grand Council, and that he report to the Grand Council at his earliest convenience.

THE GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota:

The Grand Recorder would herewith respectfully submit his account current for your approval:

To amount received from Grand Treasurer.....	\$5 00
To dues from Minneapolis Council No. 2.....	6 00
To dues from Tyrian Council No. 4.....	12 00
To cash from Grand Treasurer.....	25 75
To cash from Tyrian Council No. 4.....	20 00
To cash from Minneapolis Council No. 2.....	33 00
Total.....	<u>\$101 75</u>
By paid postage and printing.....	\$ 5 00
By paid printing proceedings.....	83 75
By turned over to Grand Treasurer.....	18 00
Total.....	<u>\$101 75</u>

THEODORE BURKKARD,
Grand Recorder.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To The Most Puissant Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit his report:

June 27th, 1877, Cash on hand.....	\$50 00
July 10th, 1877, Cash of Grand Recorder.....	1 00
Total.....	<u>\$51 00</u>

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Junly 10th. 1877, Cash paid Grand Recorder.....	\$20 25
Oct. 8th, 1877, Cash paid Grand Recorder.....	5 00
May 1st. 1877, Cash paid Grand Recorder.....	25 75
Total....	<u>\$51 00</u>

M. W. GETCHELL,
Grand Treasurer

Companion G. W. Merrill, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, reported that no case of grievance had been brought before the committee—that peace and harmony prevailed.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, which was ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To The Most Puissant Grand Council, now in session :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much and such parts of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address as relates to the "Mississippi Plan," would respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and fully concur with the opinion of the Grand Master in relation thereto, as expressed in his address.

Your committee are of the opinion that the adoption of the "Mississippi Plan" would be greatly to the injury of the Cryptic degrees, and not at all to the benefit of the Capitular. The Chapter has already more degrees than it can or will do justice to, and to add the Council degrees would not in the least tend to the benefit of either. Your committee are also of the opinion that the Chapter has nothing to do with the Cryptic degrees, and can not legally confer them, and that the General Grand Chapter will not recognize the conferring of them in the Chapters.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Council degrees can be legally conferred under no other authority than that of a Grand Council. We do not understand how Grand Chapters can recognize these degrees, or have any knowledge of them. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Minnesota declares that the Royal and Select Master's degrees can not be lawfully conferred by, or under the sanction or warrant of Royal Arch Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
G. W. MERRILL.
Committee.

On motion of Companion Joss, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R.: and S.: M.: of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined said reports, and find the same correct.

F. JOSS,
THEODORE BURKHARD,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN.
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then announced the election of officers for the ensuing year in order, and appointed as tellers, Companions I. S. Kellogg and Wm. A. Spaulding: which resulted as follows:

George W. Cooley.....	M.: I.: G.: M.:
G. W. Merrill.....	R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
Ed. McDermott.....	R.: I.: G.: P.: C.: of the W.:
Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grand Treasurer.
Grove B. Cooley.....	Grand Recorder.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then announced the following appointments:

S. J. Willard.....	Grand C.: of G.:
Dwight M. Baldwin....	Grand C.: of C.:
I. S. Kellogg.....	Grand M.:
Fred. L. Smith.....	Grand Steward.
Harry Burningham.....	Grand Sentinel.

On motion of Companion Grove B. Cooley, it was decided that the next annual assembly of this Grand Council be held in the city of St. Paul on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1879, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master elect was then duly installed by P.: M.: Ill.: G.: M.: Fred Joss, after which the balance of the officers elect and appointed were duly installed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

Attest:

GROVE B. COOLEY,
Grand Recorder.

DEATHS.

MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS IN MINNESOTA, WHO DIED
FROM JUNE 1ST, 1877, TO OCTOBER 8TH, 1878.

JOHN H. SPARRELL.

Tyrian, No. 4. Sept. 20, 1877.

CHARLES G. McDUFFEE,

Minneapolis, No. 2.

ANNUAL RETURNS

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1:

ST. PAUL.

Regular meeting second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Phil. S. Harris.....	Thrice Illustrious Master.
Wm. C. Ashton.....	Deputy Master.
Wm. Carter.....	P. C. of the W.
J. H. Reaney.....	Treasurer.
J. P. Pond.....	Recorder.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

J. C. Terry.....	P. M. I. G. M.
Wm. S. Combs.....	P. M. I. G. M.
H. L. Carver.....	P. R. I. D. G. M.
Fred Woodbourne.....	P. R. I. D. G. M.
G. W. Merrill.....	R. I. D. G. M.
J. P. Pond.....	P. T. I. M.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular meeting third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Grove B. Cooley.....	T.: I.: M.:
John H. Noble.....	R.: I.: D.: M.:
Henry G. Hicks.....	P.: C.: of W.:
Ed. McDermott.....	Treasurer.
Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Recorder.
A. J. Davis.....	Chaplain.
Fred. W. Dillingham.....	C.: of G.:
Herbert C. Hill.....	C.: of C.:
John T. West....	Marshall.
Thomas Cox.....	Steward.
J. H. Atty.....	Sentinel.

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

A. E. Ames*.....	P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:
Geo. W. Cooley.....	M.: I.: G.: M.:
D. M. Goodwin.....	P.: R.: I.: G.: M.:
Ed. McDermott.....	R.: I.: G.: P.: C.: of the W.:

*Deceased.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 4.

RED WING.

Regular meeting third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred. Joss.....	T.: I.: Master.
S. B. Foot.....	R.: I.: D.: Master.
E. J. Comer.....	P.: C.: of the W.:
W. O. Dodge.....	C.: of the G.:
S. J. Willard.....	C.: of the C.:
W. E. Hawkins.....	Treasurer.
Geo. P. Sjoblom.....	Recorder.
J. W. Richter.....	Steward.
J. L. Nostings.....	Sentinel.

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

Fred. Joss.....	P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:
Dwight M. Baldwin.....	P.: R.: I.: G.: M.:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL No. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS EAST.

Regular meeting. second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred. L. Smith.....	T.: I.: Master.
Solon Armstrong.....	R.: I.: D.: Master.
O. A. Broughton.....	I.: P.: C.: of the W.:
R. W. Cummings.....	Treasurer.
W. C. Noble.....	Recorder.
W. E. Johnson.....	C.: of the G.:
S. N. Whitney.....	C.: of the C.:
C. W. Weeks.....	Marshall.
W. M. Barrows.....	Steward.
E. P. Crane.....	Sentinel.

PAST T.: I.: MASTER.

Wm. Lochren.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1878.

St. Paul No. 1.....	Passed the Circle, none.....	Membership, 47
Minneapolis No. 2....	“ “ “ 6	“ 69
Tyrian No. 4.....	“ “ “ 12	“ 49
Adoniram No. 5.....	“ “ “ 3	“ 38
Number of Subordinate Councils, 4.		
Total Membership.....		230

GRAND RECORDERS--POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	L. S. Barber.....	Little Rock.
Connecticut.....	J. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
England.....	Frederick Binkes.....	2nd Red Lion Square London.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz.....	Milton.
Georgia.....	Andrew W. Wolikin.....	Albany.
Illinois.....	Gil. W. Barnard.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscataine.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	Albert G. Hodges.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Wm. A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	John Huigh.....	Somerville.
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John W. Luke.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
New Hampshire....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton.
New York.....	George VanVleit.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Daniel W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Ontario.....	James B. Nixon.....	Toronto.
Pennsylvania....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Wm. R. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	A. Lindstrom.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Vermont.....	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull.....	Milwaukee.

2 LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

From its Organization in 1870 to 1878.

Year.	M.: I.: G.: M.:	R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:	R.: I.: G.: M.:	G.: P.: C.: W.:	G.: Treas.	G.: Rec.
1870.....	J. C. Terry.....	Samuel Willey.....	A. E. Ames*.....	E. C. Cross.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Wm. S. Combs.
1871.....	A. E. Ames*.....	Samuel Willey.....	E. C. Cross.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1872.....	E. C. Cross.....	J. C. Terry.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1873.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	Charles Shandrew.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1874.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	H. L. Carver.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1875.....	Fred Joss.....	H. L. Carver.....	G. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1876.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Fred. Woodbourne.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.
1877.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Office abolished.	Ed. McDermott.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.
1878.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley.

*Deceased.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit their report. We have received the proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama.....	1878	Michigan.....	1877-8
Arkansas.....	1877	Mississippi.....	1877
Connecticut.....	1877-8	Missouri.....	1877
England and Wales.....	Letter.	Nebraska.....	Circular.
Florida.....	1877-8	New Hampshire.....	1876-7
Georgia.....	Circular.	New York.....	1877
Illinois.....	1876-7	North Carolina.....	1877
Indiana.....	1877	Ohio.....	1877
Iowa.....	1877	Ontario.....	1876-7
Kansas.....	1875-6-7	Pennsylvania.....	1878
Louisiana.....	1876-7-8	Tennessee.....	1877
Maine.....	1877-8	Vermont.....	1876
Maryland.....	1875-6-7	Wisconsin.....	1878
Massachusetts.....	1877		

Not to depart from a long established custom we commence our circuit with

ALABAMA—1877.

The Fortieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at the city of Montgomery, December 5th, 1877;

James Milton, M.: Illustrious Grand Master, presided. Eight subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a *good* address. It is *so good* that we cannot help but quote it. There is something so cheering about it.

He says:

"It affords me much pleasure to tell you that the present condition and immediate prospects of Council Masonry seems better than for several years past.

* * * * * If we intend to again place council masonry in the prominent position it once held, in my opinion it is not to other Masonic bodies, or to the Grand Council, but to the subordinate councils that we must look, and to those of this jurisdiction I offer a few words of advice. First, elect for your

officers such companions as are best qualified to discharge the duties pertaining to the office. Let it be known and understood that on every regular assembly, without providential interference, there will be a meeting: meet promptly at the appointed time, and as far as possible avoid late hours. Endeavor to make the meeting interesting, and each companion to feel that his presence is needed; but above all other considerations thoroughly learn the work, rehearse it again and again, until it becomes as familiar to all as 'household words.' The degrees of the council need only to be known and understood to be appreciated, and are not, as many unacquainted with them suppose, a simple factor in the sum total of Masonic knowledge. For I venture the assertion that in point of information, beauty and grandeur, the degree of Select Master is excelled by no Masonic degree from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar. And with the sincere prayer for guidance and assistance to Him who is alone able to keep and preserve us through all the dangers, seen and unseen, by which we are continually surrounded, if we are true to ourselves there can be no such word as fail. * * * * And finally, can you not say, in the language of the poet, 'Let us look not mournfully on the past. It comes not again. Wisely improve the present, 'tis ours; and go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with manly hearts.'

A very beautiful memento was drawn up by Companion Daniel Sayre, upon the death of Companion Baird, and concurred in by the Grand Council. It pleases us so well that we can not pass it. We quote the first part of it.

"Through every country there flows some great river. In North America we have the Mississippi, the Missouri, and the Youcou, the dark waters of which latter glide in solemn silence to the frozen sea; in South America, the Orinoco, the Amazon and the Parana; in Europe, the Danube, the Dneiper and the Volga; in Asia, the Ganges, the Yenesai, the Amoor and the Lena; in Africa, the Nile, the Niger and the Zambeze. But there is another river, darker and grander, and mightier than any of these, or than all of them together. It flows through all latitudes and all longitudes. It was first discovered by Abel, when he fell beneath the blows of his brother. It has been discovered or is to be discovered by every son and daughter of Adam. And though it has been known for six thousand years, there are some of us who have never yet found it. But we are all on the way toward it, and whether we find it sooner or later, we are sure at last to stand upon its brink for a brief while. The pathways of some lead them directly to it, while others toil on in their weary, winding way for three score years and ten. I need not say that this river is the great river of Death, beneath whose dark waves we must all eventually sink."

Four councils that had got in arrears and had been waning for a few years past, started up afresh and were regenerated.

Good for Alabama.

Companions James Milton was re-elected Grand Master and Daniel Sayre Grand Recorder.

Companion Sayre had prepared an elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence, but it was not printed on account of the diminished resources of the grand council. Too bad—too bad!

He however gives us a few extracts from it.

In speaking of the Grand Council of Mississippi, he says:

"The Grand Council of Mississippi having deliberately committed suicide it is not necessary to notice formally the proceedings of 1877, and so very few words may suffice.

The representatives of seventeen councils were present and assisted at the sacrifice.

Companions Walter and Paxton were the operators who held the knife and opened the jugular. The latter was undertaker, and buried the body out of sight.

Companion Patton was the only mourner.

Companion Power, the Grand Recorder, was appointed administrator, *cum testamento annexo*, or words to that effect.

We are happy to be able to add that while the estate of the deceased does not appear to be large, it seems to be entirely solvent, and therefore it will not be necessary for it to go into bankruptcy.

The grand chapter is made the residuary legatee and will take charge of the degrees. They may be conferred as *side degrees* or not, at the pleasure of the chapters conferring them, but they are *as essential to be conferred as the mark or Royal Arch*, and all *Royal Arch masons are obliged to take them*; and that looks to us very much like making them a part of the regular series, how then can they, at the same time, be *side degrees*?

Companion Paxton says that all Royal Arch Masons *must* take the degrees.

That, we think, must be a mistake on the part of the Illustrious Companion. Royal Arch Masons can not be made to take any thing. If the degrees are made a part of the regular series of Chapter degrees, and placed before the Royal Arch, *candidates* would have to take them in order to get the Royal Arch; but there is no Masonic authority in existence that has power to make them a part of the regular series; nor is there any authority that can compel the Chapters to confer them, or that can compel those who are now Royal Arch Masons to receive them, or that can compel any one to receive them as *side degrees*, any more than they can compel any one to receive the degrees of Knight of Constantinople, or Heroine of Jericho. *Masonry is already made*, and while there is abundance of power to *regulate* the jurisprudence of Masonry, there is no power anywhere to interpose other degrees, or to compel any one to take other degrees.

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It seems to us that in Mississippi Cryptic Masonry has fallen out of the frying pan into the fire.

"Of course the Cryptic Masons of Mississippi are aware of the fact that there is no power under Heaven that can dissolve the Grand Council, so long as three Subordinate Councils choose to keep up the organization.

"Nor is there any power that can dissolve a Subordinate Council so long as there are nine members who choose to keep up that organization. The Grand Council has no authority in the premises, nor has it any right to dispose of the degrees elsewhere. These are laws of Masonry which will not be disputed by any one."

ARKANSAS—1877.

The Eighteenth Annual Assembly met at Little Rock, October 6, 1877, M.: P.: Grand Master, C. W. Millard presided. Eleven subordinate councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very good address, containing a good deal of wholesome truth. We would like to incorporate the whole of it in our report, but will only spare room for the following:

"I consider this present meeting perhaps one of the most important this Grand Council has ever held. For, from the best information I can obtain, Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas, lies languishing on its bed, looking at the river, and only waiting Charon's boat to take it safely across that dark stream. My companions, have we attended to the teaching of our first lesson? Have we

asked the aid of Deity to strengthen and support us, to aid and assist us? Have we taken heed to the instructions which we have received in Masonry? Have we practiced friendship, morality, brotherly love, relief and truth? Have we practiced those Cardinal virtues taught in the first degree; temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice? or, have we neglected them and passed them by as only idle lessons of the hour? These questions, my companions, can only be answered by each individual, and must be answered by all of us after we shall have crossed the dark river. I am here reminded of an anecdote which I some time since heard of a good deacon of a church, who combined the occupation of farmer, horse dealer, and colporteur. In his works of mercy, as he called them, he distributed tracts gratuitously; sold Bibles and other religious books at cost to those who could pay, and gave to those who could not. "But," said the good old man, earnestly, "when I start on a work of mercy and stop to deal in horses I never have good luck; the fact is, I don't want the Lord around when I am trading horses, for He would prevent me from driving a sharp bargain." My companions, do, or can, we ask the aid of the Great I Am in all our undertakings? Or, do we, like the good old man above alluded to, wish the Lord to stand aside while we "drive a sharp bargain?" Truth, my companions, is a Divine attribute, and is the very cement and support of civil society. To be good and true, are the first lessons we are taught in Masonry. The great object of all Masonic labor is Divine truth. But Divine truth is a term synonymous with God. The ineffable name is a symbol of truth, because God, and God alone, is truth. It is, properly, a Scriptural idea. The book of psalms abounds with this sentiment. Thus it is said that the truth of the Lord "reacheth unto the clouds," and that "His truth endureth unto all generations." Sacred, as well as Masonic history, informs us that there were two Temples—the first built by Solomon and the two HIRAMS, the second by Zerubbabel. The first is taught in Ancient Craft Masonry, the second in the higher degrees, in which this Council is interested. The first Temple is symbolic of the present life; the second Temple is symbolic of the life to come. The first Temple, the present life, must be destroyed; on its foundations the second Temple, the life eternal, must be built. The present life, my companions, is the foundation-stone upon which will be built our second or spiritual temple, and I admonish all to lay well that stone; and upon its top, sides and ends, have Divine truth inscribed thereon in indelible characters, which cannot be defaced by time. For in the second temple of future life, we will have passed from the grave, which was the end of our labors in the first, and shall have removed the rubbish, and shall find the foundation-stone of our present lives. Then we must throw away the substitute which we chose in this life, and take the true word, which will be brought to light in our spiritual temple. Then we can explain that passage of the Apostle: 'For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known!' Then when we shall have ended our journey, and having traveled into that foreign country, we shall be enabled to receive our wages, every one according to his work below. Then see to it, my companions, see that the stones are all hewed, squared and numbered in the quarries, and that the timbers are felled and prepared in the forests, and examine them well; try them by the square of truth and virtue, so that when they shall be carried up to the New Jerusalem for the spiritual temple, that they may not be cast into the rubbish, but be set up with the instruments which were prepared for the purpose before the foundation of the world, so that when the building is completed, it may be said, in truth, that it was the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe."

The Grand Council spent most of their time on the noted communication from Walter, Power & Co., of Mississippi, and finally concluded that that was about as good a thing as they could do and so concluded to ask the Grand Chapter to take them aboard—no reason assigned, except that they have not

energy enough to keep awake. Seem to be tired out, and want to lie down and die, and ready for neighbors to lay them out and bury them.

A fine portrait of companion Luke E. Barber, Grand Recorder, adorns the frontal page of the proceedings.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of companion E. H. Whitefield, Past Grand Master of that jurisdiction.

Companion J. P. McCower, of Maynolia, Calhoun County, was elected Grand Master, and our much esteemed companion L. E. Barber, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT—1877.

The fifty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at the city of New Haven, May 7th, 1877, and was presided over by Companion Wm. Freeston, M. P. Grand Master.

Eighteen Subordinate Councils represented; six not represented.

The Grand Master's address is very good. He reports his official acts to have been few.

In reference to the action of the Grand Council of New York, in appointing a committee regarding the prerequisite question, and the action of the Grand Council of Mississippi in "giving up the ship" and taking refuge in the Grand Chapter, he says:

"In my opinion, the real difficulty lies in our own members. Let every Council member be true to his allegiance; let him stand firmly for the rights of Cryptic Masonry—for we have rights, as indisputable as Ancient Craft, Royal Arch, or Templar Masonry; and instead of petitioning for our rights, let us stand up boldly for them, and enforce our demands by activity and zeal in the S. V., endeavoring to render the work in as efficient manner as possible; thus giving the Council degrees that importance which is their due. Now, by many they are looked upon as merely a stepping-stone, or as barriers, which must be hurried over as quickly as possible, to reach the showy uniform of the Knights Templar. How many there are who have passed rapidly through the several degrees, and have donned the sword and plume, who could not make a presentable appearance if found knocking at the door of any lodge but their own! They look upon the preparatory degrees as so many obstacles to be got over as speedily as possible, until they reach the height of their ambition, and, as I have heard some of them remark (as I have thought, in a pharisaical manner) 'I never attend the lower orders'; and so we have Masons in name only. The truths illustrated by beautiful symbols have never found a lodgement in their hearts, and, apparently, all that is in the way of the glitter and show must be hurried by as quickly as possible.

"I, for one, do not believe in this proposed wholesale mutilation of our American system of Masonry; and should it begin, where will it end? There is enough of the Master's degree, without adding the Most Excellent to it; and there is certainly enough of the Royal Arch, if conferred in a proper manner. It appears to me that, instead of preserving Cryptic Masonry by this proposed action, we should kill and bury it, beyond all hope of its ever being resurrected."

That expresses our mind exactly.

Companion Wm. Wallace Lee submitted an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, our own receiving a passing notice.

Under the head of Massachusetts he makes the following inquiry.

"Right here we would like to ask of some of the college graduates and professionals who fill so many positions in Masonry, why is it that in speaking of Lodges, Chapters, Councils, etc., whose membership is made up, as we know, exclusively of men, they are so often classed as of the feminine gender; or do males, as associated in one organization, become females? Will some one take pity and enlighten our ignorance?"

Does it not come under the head of "Prosopopæia, or personification?" The change of things to persons. In which inanimate objects remarkable for power, greatness or sublimity, are represented in the masculine, and those remarkable for beauty, amiability, or are prolific, or are spoken of as receivers and containers, are represented in the feminine gender. We, as masons, claim that our Lodges, Chapters and Councils are prolific of charitable deeds, benevolent acts, and all that tends to make mankind wiser, better and happier; that they are the receivers and containers of the most noble minded, warm hearted, open handed and generous spirited men in the world. That in them are taught as pure principles as are found in any society the world has ever known. So may it not be proper to speak of them as of the feminine gender. Societies of a charitable nature are not unfrequently put in the feminine gender by the best scholars, and nations, states and municipalities are commonly spoken of as female. Thus Johnson in his *Cataline*, says:

"Firm for your country and become a man
Honored and loved: It were a noble life
To be found dead embracing *her*."

And Gray—

"No fearing, no doubting thy soldier shall know.
When here stands his country, and yonder *her* foe."

And Pope—

"Thus with a lasting league your toils may cease,
And Troy possess *her* fertile fields in peace."

And Cunningham, in an old Masonic ode, speaks of Masonry—

"To works of art *her* merit not confined,
She regulates the morals, squares the mind."

And Wright—

"Fair *Queen* of Science, nurse of every art."

And Stanchfield—

"*She* views murdered merit by ruffian hand fall."

And the old song goes—

"Let masonry from pole to pole,
Her sacred views expand."

It strikes us that without personification the English language would be stripped of very much of its beauty.

Companion Lee's conclusion is very good, and we would like to quote it in full but must forbear.

Companion Dwight Phelps, of West Winsted, was elected Grand Master. Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Companion Lee, we are glad to see was reappointed committee on correspondence.

Served him right.

CONNECTICUT—1878.

We have on our table a neat pamphlet of one hundred pages containing the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1878. It was the sixtieth annual assembly and was held at Hartford on the 6th day of May, 1878; Grand Master Dwight Phelps presided.

Seventeen councils represented; eight councils not represented.

The Grand Master submitted a brief address referring only to matters of interest in that jurisdiction.

This Grand Council seems to be holding its own and are opposed to going to that "dear bosom."

Companion Lee submitted a brief but *good* report on foreign correspondence. He seems to think that the duty of the committee on correspondence is simply a ministerial one and that it should not presume to dictate or advise what is best to be done. Well, companion Lee, it may not be in the best of taste according to Connecticut etiquette to speak right out, and express our thoughts plainly, but out "west" we have not the "down east finish" and are prone to "spit out" just what happens to come in our mind. We can't help it—forgive us.

Companion A. R. Blakely was elected M. P. Grand Master, and companion Joseph K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We learn, by way of a communication from the Grand Recorder, that Cryptic Masonry is somewhat neglected in this jurisdiction, and that its progress is slow; owing to the unprecedented popularity of Craft Masonry, due in a great measure to the fact that the throne of the Grand Master is occupied by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

There are no printed proceedings of the Grand Council.

Frederick Binckes, 2d Red Lion Square, High Holburn, London, W. C., is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1877.

We receive tidings from the "Land of Flowers" by way of proceedings for 1877. The eighth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Milton, on the 4th day of June, 1877, and was presided over by Companion A. N. Caulkins, M.: P.: Grand Master.

Four subordinate councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, giving an account of his stewardship, and making many suggestions for the good of the Secret Vault. He made one recommendation which the Grand Council did not approve. He recommended triennial assemblies: the Grand Council could not see it. He reports that the growth of Cryptic Masonry for the year has not been rapid, and lays it to the intense political war which has swept over the country, but expresses great hope for the future. He believes the Cryptic degrees should be made prerequisite to the Chivalric, and thinks it will eventually be done. He says that in his official capacity he has not been called upon to decide any vexed question during the year. Peace and harmony prevail.

Companion J. O. Andrew, by invitation, delivered an address before the Grand Council, which was very good indeed. We would like to copy the whole of it but must be content with the following:

"It has been eloquently said by a profound writer, that 'there is nothing in the world but man, there is nothing great in man but character,' and character comes not by birth or circumstances, it is the product of labor, and has its home in the inner man, in the secret chambers of his soul.

"Calumny may blast the reputation of a man, but his character is beyond the reach of calumny, aye, it is beyond the reach of death. Upon this edifice his blows fall harmless as the summer shower. All other possessions are swallowed in the greedy jaws of the grave, this alone is immortal, and stands unshaken in the midst of its decay. This alone of all our possessions we carry with us beyond the tomb.

"It is the object of Masonry to instruct and assist us in rearing this sublime edifice. If, in conformity with the teachings of our Order, we shall devote our time and faculties to the accomplishment of this as our life work, it shall be said of us 'well done, good and faithful servant.'"

"If this be ours, let death do its work upon the superstructure of the outward life, and sprinkle its broken fragments with the mildew of decay; the eye of the Omniscient shall watch the treasures of the soul and somewhere beyond the shadows, when search shall be made into the life history, the sacred treasures shall be found secure.

We shall gather up the broken threads of purpose and effort, the web of destiny shall be woven in fairer colors of fadeless beauty, we shall rear again the shattered columns of life's endeavor, and the glory of the latter name shall be infinitely greater than the former.

"With this faith" we can stand in the presence of the dread monarch before which the world has so long trembled, in full view of the ruin he can, and the ruin he cannot work, we can exclaim,

"Oh, Death, where is thy sting?"

We are taught that "death terminates the labor of man." To the faithful laborer, as the sun of life goes down, the summons of death falling upon his ear amid the deepening shadows of the gathering twilight, is unmingled with the sounds of terror; and laying aside the working tools of life, and wiping the dew

of toil from the brow of care, he answers the summons in the full assurance that he goes to "wages, refreshment and rest."

To such—

There is no death. The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown,
They shine no more."

The Grand Council set apart a memorial page in the proceedings to the memory of George Frank Gouley, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion John Carlovitz, and it is a good one too. Under the head of Connecticut he says:

"The existence of these evils may be traced to various causes, of which we will give a few. The brethren of some lodges, chapters and councils desire to make their annual dues as small as possible. Now the Association inevitably incurs expenses necessary to its existence, these expenditures often outgrow the income owing to the small amount of dues; the members are too stingy to pay any more, the treasury has to be replenished, consequently they have to increase the membership, and they admit men for their money, whose motives for joining are not very deep to fathom; not for their worth! Again the gaudy costume of the templars of to-day parading our streets will rouse to enthusiasm an empty-headed youth, (young America), and forsooth he must be a templar. Of course he must go in as an E. A., and starts, and is rushed through the lodge and chapter 'without even knowing the form thereof' instead of being thrust out a an igno amus, and then into the commandery to be hurried through and immediately get the showiest rig that can be purchased to wear on the street. 'He is one with the lodge!'"

This deplorable state of things is the result of a reckless disregard to see that the lodge is tyed and the black-ball fearlessly and righteously thrown. It is better to have but one candidate a year who from pure motives of his heart and with honesty enters fully in the spirit of the institution, than to have a dozen rich ones, whose zeal will wither in a day, and whose actions will disgrace the name of 'Mason' as soon as invested with that honor. The haste with which candidates are advanced can easily be broken up, if the grand masonic bodies would give the subject the consideration it deserves; why not adopt the rule and place a year of probation between each degree, during which time he should attend a certain number of lodges of instruction, and none should advance unless fully qualified mentally and morally."

Truth; painted! Well expressed—We endorse every word. Then let us weed out, and prune the plants we already have in our garden before we become over anxious to plant more. Cut down the barren trees that encumber the ground; make the walls around it more impregnable; strengthen the guards; admit none that we are not thoroughly satisfied beyond any reasonable doubt, will become faithful laborers therein, and will add something to its strength and beauty.

He thinks the funds in our Grand Council treasury too small. Never mind, Companion; we pay our bills. We pay as we go. We are about out of debt, and propose to keep so. When we need any money, all we have to do is to make our wants known to the Subordinates, ask them to "shell," and they cordially "shell." There is no compulsion about it. We don't believe in "compulsion in Masonry;" that is, we don't believe in having Masons that have to be compelled

to do their duty. Let every thing be of "our own free will and accord." That is our ideal of Masonry.

His conclusion is good. We quote the *finale*:

"And now our work is completed, yet not as the task of a daily laborer, who when his work is ended looks with anxiety for his reward, it was to us, like all our labors in the interest of the craft, a labor of love, not of dollars and cents. Should it not meet the approbation of our Master Overseers, please remember that this is our first effort. We do not lay claim to brilliant thoughts and eloquent expressions, nor profess to have ascended high Parnassus, and visited Apollo, but present to you the work of one quite unaccustomed to the "Mantle Reportorial," craving your indulgence."

We have no fear of Florida in the future. With such officers as she has, all is well.

Companion A. N. Caulkins was re-elected M.: P.: G.: M.: and Companion Geo. T. Halmarth was also re-elected Recorder.

Companion Carlovitz still wears the "Mantle Reportorial." They mean he shall become accustomed to it.

You have our sympathy, Companion Carlovitz, and yet, we are glad of it.

FLORIDA—1878.

"This is a beautiful piece of work, and the Companions who wrought it are entitled to their wages." With only three Subordinate Councils, and a total membership of two hundred and seventy-six, the Grand Council of Florida exhibits an energy, a life, a vigor that is very commendable and encouraging, and should cause some of our older and more prosperous Grand Councils to blush for shame. It confirms us in the motto we have adopted: "Quality, not quantity." One live Mason is worth more than one hundred dead ones.

The Grand Council was held in the city of Pensacola, June 3d, 1878.

Alansan N. Caulkins, Grand Master.

His address is a very excellent one and we would like to quote it, but circumstances compels us to desist. His words are cheering, hopeful and buoyant. He puts his seal of condemnation upon the Mississippi scheme, and eloquently encourages his companions in the following beautiful language:

"Should the some cause arise in our own State, in the future—of which I have no fear—which should throw the waves mountain high in disorder about us, let us stand calmly by the ship; and if sister barks leave our company, and prefer running for smooth water, there to be stranded, let us bravely stem the tide, and, should the elements eventually overwhelm us, will nail our flag to the mast and go down with all sails set, leaving as a legacy to our former companions, we at least died at our post."

The Grand Council endorsed the Grand Master's views on the Mississippi plan, and adopted the report of the committee, which reads as follows:

"We recommend that the Commissions of our Grand Representatives near the Grand Councils of Mississippi, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Illinois be revoked, and that their representatives near this Grand body be discharged as such."

Companion George S. Halmouth was elected M. P. Grand Master, and companion John Carlovitz was elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Carlovitz presented an able, interesting and extensive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he pleasantly and courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils. Minnesota receives kind and fraternal notice.

His report is one of the best that we have read, and we deeply regret that we are obliged to deny ourselves the satisfaction of largely quoting from it. But we must submit to the decrees of fate and the powers that be, and keep within the prescribed limits. But we won't forget you, Companion Carlovitz:

We'll think of you oft in the evening's sweet hours,
When everything 'round us is quiet and still;
We'll think of our friend in the bright "land of flowers,"
Who modestly uses the "scissors and quill."

We'll think how you "went for" poor Woodhull and Walter,
And all of the rest that the Councils would kill;
Of the offerings you laid on the Cryptical altar;
Of the laurels you won with your "scissors and quill."

We'll think of you, too, as among the brave fellows
Who pressed on to conquer, who fought with good will,
Tho' tossed on the sea by the winds and the billows;
You stood by the helm with your "scissors and quill."

Then let others boast of their *nerve* and their powers,
Their learning and wit, in their wisdom and skill;
We'll drink to our friend of the bright "land of flowers,"
That fearlessly uses the "scissors and quill."

GEORGIA—CIRCULAR.

Annual Assembly, April 24th, 1878, in city of Macon.

Usual business transacted.

Proceedings not to be printed.

Receipt of the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, including our own for 1877, acknowledged.

Companion Charles R. Armstrong, of Macon, was elected Grand Master. Companion Andrew M. Wolihin was elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1876.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Chicago, October 25th, 1876, and was presided over by Companion Edward Blackshaw, Most Puissant Grand Master.

Thirty-eight subordinate councils were represented.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master's address is a very able document. It shows that he was not sleeping at his post during the year. He made one decision. A T.: I.: M.: asked if he had a right to confer the Super-excellent Master's degree on others than members of his own council.

He decided in the negative, on the ground that this degree in that State is one of the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, and is not conferred, as in some other States, as an honorary degree.

In corresponding with the several Grand Masters of other jurisdictions, the Grand Master ascertained that only eight worked the degree of Super Excellent Master as one of the system, of which Massachusetts, Maine, Canada and Pennsylvania think a good deal of it, while the balance don't think much of it.

A move was made to amend the by-laws so as to strike out the words Super Excellent Master wherever the same occur therein; which, upon being put to vote, was not adopted.

In referring to the matter of sending delegates to the Grand Encampment he says:

"I would recommend that a representation be sent, but not as a saving grace to us, but that we may stand up for our rights, the position that we hold the key and the keystone to all that has preceded. Let us finish the work so happily begun.

"We have, by types, emblems and allegorical figures, taken the candidate from the quarries of Zarthau and the forests of Lebanon, round the outer courts of the temple, over the ground floor, through the middle chamber, and shown him the door of the S. S.

"We have used him to exemplify one of the most beautiful pictures of fortitude the world has ever known. We have taught him the use of the chisel and mallet, and how to receive his wages. We have seated him in the oriental chair, and have represented to him the completion of the most beautiful edifice ever erected by man. We have also shown him that the devout Israelite when released from bondage, after a toilsome journey, arrived at his favorite city, and that in removing the rubbish, found deposited the key to some of our emblems, that none but we of the Royal Craft can decipher.

Then, companions, is the key, *Cryptic Masonry*, which unlocks all that we have taught him, to go on bended knees to the encampment of chivalric masonry begging and praying of them not to admit a candidate to the orders of knighthood until he has passed through our secret vault? Cryptic masonry is no eleemosynary. I claim that she has merits of her own that are worth fighting for. She is at the top of the ladder, up which the candidate has climbed step by step. She is the pinnacle and keystone that furnishes our beautiful edifice. She is also the key that opens the door and explains to him the bond of union between our three Ancient-Most-Excellent-Grand Masters; and after the dissolution of that bond by that most vile assassination, it shows him where they placed that word when it was of no further use to them, and what means were used, so that we, as the future generations, should know it to be the right,

No! rather let Cryptic Masonry die and go into oblivion than be the football of one of the weak appendages to another. No, companions! Let not your representatives go as weak, cringing beggars timidly tapping at the door of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, but let them go as *Masons*—as finished workmen that need not be afraid; and let them represent to the Grand Encampment that in taking material that has not passed through our secret vault, they are taking that work which is not properly prepared for them; that they are taking the rough ashlers, and not perfect ashlers, to put into their moral temple. Hence, though their temple may be morally perfect, they have some stones that have not been properly finished."

Companion Levi R. Jerome presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and was duly received and credited as such.

Companion James H. Miles presented a very pleasing report on correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils—Minnesota for some reason not having reached him.

Companion Levi R. Jerome of Princeton, was elected Grand Master ; Companion James H. Miles of Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1877.

The twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Chicago, October 24th, 1877, Grand Master Levi K. Jerome presided, twenty-six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the death of Past Most Puissant Grand Master Levi Rusk, who died July 24th last, at the ripe age of eighty-three years, and also to the untimely death of Companion George Frank Gouley, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri. Memorial pages in the proceedings are inscribed to their memory.

A likeness of the Grand Master adorns the frontal page in the proceedings. It is spoken of as being a good portrait of him. The Voice of Masonry for January, 1878, among other things says : "In October, 1876, he was elected M. P. G. M. of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Illinois, and was the first man in that position who had the nerve to propose a union of the Cryptic and Capitular degrees, for the purpose of saving them from oblivion." From our stand-point we are led to lament that he should have felt it to be a duty to use his nerve to aid in the overthrow of the Cryptic degrees. In his annual address he says :

"The universal shrinkage of values, in the business world seem to have extended to Masonry.

The brotherhood have found that the demands upon their time and purses have come to be a burden almost unbearable, and they *must* retrench. Cryptic Masonry seeming to be less utilitarian than other branches of the order, is first thrown aside, and everywhere are reports of unhallowed ravage and devastation of our beloved degrees. So dead is the rite in this jurisdiction that not a question has been asked me in the whole year, of law or usage. I have had nothing to decide. Harmony reigns complete. But it is the harmony, or rather the stupor, that precedes dissolution."

He thinks there is no tangible method of saving the Cryptic degrees from the dark waters of oblivion, but to follow the action of the Grand Councils of Mississippi and North Carolina.

And so—and so—the Grand Council of Illinois concluded to follow their leader of nerve, "give up the ship," and try to get aboard the "Captular craft," and thus save themselves from the "waters of oblivion." But we venture our opinion that the "Cryptic Craft is not lost yet. She may lose some of her crew by desertion, she may be obliged to throw overboard some of her cargo; and repair some

of her rigging, but if she "goes slow," is cautious and particular about who is taken aboard, don't try to be too popular and get to racing: keep all off except the truly Royal, the truly Select, she will in due time bring all aboard safe into port, and that too "independent and free." She will weather the storm, and "don't you forget it."

Companion Jonathan J. French of Chicago was elected Ill. Grand Master, and Companion Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, was elected Grand Recorder.

No report on correspondence.

INDIANA—1877.

Twenty-second annual convocation of this Grand Council was begun and held in the city of Indianapolis, October 16th, 1877.

Companion Samuel B. Richardson, Grand Master, presided. Thirty-four out of forty-six Subordinate Councils under charter, were represented.

The Grand Master's address covers fifteen pages in the proceedings, and is a good one. He reports Indiana as holding its own, and expresses great hope for the future. He thinks there is reason to believe that the cloud of such dark forebodings that hung over the Crypt has passed away and that its future has a brighter outlook. Then he says:

"Let us, therefore, be jealous of our well acquired honours, taking special care that our vaults and temples are not polluted, no evil harbored or wrong doing permitted; purging our vaults and temples of all vice and immorality, that the bigoted scorner cannot point his finger at Masons and say: 'Behold the drunkard, the profaner, the liar, seducer, debaucher, licentious, or to any other immorality within our Cryptic Rite. We cannot be too guarded in selecting the material for our symbolic temples. They should be tried by the square of morality, and also by the test of truth—the great luminators of our Masonic altars. It is better to have ten good and true Masons than to have an hundred slothful drones and unworthy ones. The former will command the respect of the community in which they live, while the latter bring upon the order shame and disgrace.'"

Words well and fitly spoken, and every word is true—"Apples of Gold in pictures of Silver."

In writing to an Illustrious Master in regard to the shape of the apron of a Royal and Select Master, he says:

"The true apron is the white lamb skin; slope 14 to 16 inches wide, and 12 to 14 inches long, with a fall about 3 to 4 inches deep, and square at the bottom.

The Royal Arch apron the same, except scarlet or red facing around the edge, say about 1½ inches wide. I know of no other color for a Royal and Select Master. As to purple color, that is one of the royal colors, to wit: white, scarlet and purple.

Purple is the head dress of the Scribe, because that officer represents a Jewish Prophet and King (Haggai).

Crown, a portion of a Masonic regalia representing a King (Solomon) in Ancient Craft Masonry. This is now dispensed with, the hat having taken its place.

In American Masonry the purple color is confined to the intermediate degrees between the Master and Royal Arch, showing the intimate connection existing between Ancient Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch degree, except that it is sometimes employed in the vestments of officers representing Kings, or as the Scribe in a chapter of Royal Arch Masonry.

Quoting from Mackey: The symbolic colors of Royal and Select Masters are black and red; the black is significant of the grief of the Craft for the loss of their operative Grand Master, and the red of his blood which was shed in defense of his integrity. Hence the apron and collar of a Royal Master should be black, lined and edged with red. The apron must be triangular in form in allusion to the Sacred Delta.

Symbolic colors of a Select Master like those of the Royal Master, are black, and significant of the secrecy, silence and darkness in which the Select Masters prepared their labors, and the red of their fervency and zeal."

We are inclined to the opinion that the Grand Master is right, but to say the least would it not be well to make some investigation in regard to the subject of regalia. It certainly can do no injury and we are inclined to the belief that it will result in good.

Companion Charles H. Butterfield was elected Grand Master, and Companion John M. Bramwell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion W. W. Austin submitted another of his excellent reports on Foreign Correspondence in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, Minnesota not among the number.

He pays Wisconsin a high compliment, and in speaking of Companion Woodhull, says:

"Among the men who don't want to go to that dear 'bosom,' who goes for paddling his own canoe, sink or swim, we can recommend Companion John W. Woodhull, director of Foreign Correspondence.

He does not go through his report with a 'wail' that would put a damper on a funeral. His motto is, 'Take courage, and sand your 'gizzard.'"

He finally closes his report with Companion Woodhull's "conclusion," saying, "We find his conclusion just fits *our* idea to a dot, and is told so much better than we, that we give it entire."

We give Companion Woodhull great credit for his great powers for resisting temptation. He fought nobly—but he fell. He finally went to that "dear bosom."

Companion Austin was of course again appointed chairman of the committee.

IOWA—1877.

Grand Council assembled at the city of Davenport, October 2d, 1877, and was presided over by Grand Master Paul C. Daum. Seven chartered Councils represented.

The Grand Master reported that his official labors for the past year had been light. That he had not been troubled to decide any of those knotty questions of

Masonic law which are sometimes propounded to perplex the mind of the Grand Master. That peace and harmony has prevailed throughout that jurisdiction. No new Council organized during the year.

A resolution was adopted tending to lead the Grand Council into the Mississippi scheme.

The report on correspondence is by Companion Langridge. He courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, our own for 1876 receiving fraternal notice.

Companion Langridge seems to favor the Mississippi plan. In his closing remarks he says:

"We regret that we cannot speak more cheerfully of the grade than this hasty and imperfect report shows. General apathy seems to pervade. Various schemes have been tried and found wanting. The only one left yet to be tried seems to be that of placing the degrees with those of the Chapter and seeing whether they can obtain a home there. The great difficulty is that we have too many degrees. Will blotting out the Grand Council, and increasing the work in the Chapters, be an improvement. We shall see, perhaps."

Companion Daniel B. Shelley, of Davenport, was elected M.: P.: Grand Master, and Wm. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1875-6-7.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1875-6-7, all in a neat pamphlet of forty-seven pages.

The Grand Council is a live one, and don't propose to give up the "ship." It seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Companion Brockway in his annual address for 1877, protests against any action looking toward a transfer of the degrees to any other Masonic body, and says that he has not met with a single Select Master in Kansas who advocates such a suicidal step. Good for Kansas.

The following officers were elected at the annual assembly for 1877: Companion W. J. Cochran, M.: Ill.: Grand Master, and Companion John H. Brown was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on correspondence.

LOUISIANA—1876.

We receive the proceedings of the twenty-first and twenty-second annual assembling of this Grand Council in a neat pamphlet of thirty-four pages.

The twenty-first assembly was held in New Orleans, February, 17th, 1876, and was presided over by Companion W. R. Whitacre, Grand Master. Nine Councils were represented. No address from the Grand Master. The business

was purely local. No report on correspondence. Companion C. B. Wheeler was elected Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert was elected Grand Recorder.

1877.

The twenty-second assembly was held in the city of New Orleans on the 15th day of February, 1877, and was presided over by Companion George J. Pinkard, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master not being present.

Five Subordinate Councils represented. The acting Grand Master made a full and complete report of his doings, which were purely local and not of interest outside of that jurisdiction. In referring to the future prospects of the Cryptic degrees, he says :

"The condition and future prospects of Cryptic Masonry throughout the United States has been a subject of serious thought, and much has been said and written upon it, by recognized leaders of the Craft. Many remedies have been proposed to rejuvenate or instill new life into what is termed the "languishing condition" of the Craft. Some propose to make the degrees a pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple ; others to attach the Council to the Chapter ; while others again urge the importance of greater devotion to the sublime and impressive lessons of the Crypt by our Thrice Illustrious Masters and the subordinate officers. The true remedy I think lies in the latter suggestion. I should feel constrained to oppose turning over our Council to the control of the Chapter, and equally opposed to the attitude of a petitioner for favors, either to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery. The stone of foundation is the firm basis on which rests the structure of the Crypt ; its beautiful rites, sublime and impressive lectures are the sure guaranty of success ; nor do I fear for its future stability. It will most assuredly rise, radiant from the dormant sleep which is apparently oppressing it, and which at times envelopes even truth itself. Let us urge upon our Illustrious Masters more energy in disseminating its principles, greater devotion to their trusts ; and we shall soon have little cause to mourn over an evil which is in a great measure brought about by lethargy of the officers themselves."

The work and nomenclature of the New York convention was adopted.

The Grand Recorder acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils including our own, for 1876. but no review of the same was submitted.

Companion George J. Pinkard, of New Orleans, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert, of New Orleans, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

1878.

The twenty-third assembly was held in the city of New Orleans, February 14th, 1878.

Illustrious Companion George J. Pinkard, M. I. Grand Master presided. Seven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is an able and interesting document. He speaks very appropriately and feelingly of the Illustrious companions who had

died during the year. Companion Gustavus Soutag, who was for ten years Grand Recorder of that jurisdiction, who died peacefully on the 3rd day of June, 1877, and Companion Nelson Keyes, Past Grand Principal Conductor of the work.

He also alludes to the deaths of Danforth, of Massachusetts; Hopkins, of Ohio; Whitefield, of Arkansas; Lusk, of Illinois, and Gouley, of Missouri. Fitting memorial pages in the proceedings are inscribed to the memory of Companions Soutag and Gouley.

He also refers to the death by suicide of the Grand Councils of Mississippi, Illinois and North Carolina.

In closing he says:

"We come to the close of another chapter; another mile-stone on the way is found. What of the situation? Ye watchmen on the topmost pyramids, what of the night? Can you not as yet faintly discern the harbinger of approaching day? Is all around you still in gloom, without one cheering hope or ray of comfort? If so, ye stalwart champions of the Crypt, gird up your loins—you know the work to be done. On your exertions possibly depends the stability of one of the fairest portions of the Masonic structure. It has passed the approving square of the Great Master Builder, and been pronounced faultless; that it remains intact is your business; its symmetry of perfection can never be destroyed; it may by ruthless hands be upheaved and cast aside—that is your business—and with its upheaval may possibly tumble the superstructure—that, too, is *your* business. Are you prepared for the sacrifice? I think not; I hope not. Be up, then, and doing; be alert at your posts; the day spring from on high may not be far distant, yet a little while and happier and more prosperous days may dawn upon us. I cannot but condemn this dull and listless state of activity, ever waiting and watching without an effort to overcome. Bear this important truth in mind, that he who would secure the Divine approbation must not only implore His aid, but set his shoulder firmly to the wheel. Exert your whole strength, and whatever you may lack will in due season be supplied."

The Grand Council adopted a resolution cancelling and revoking the commissions of their representatives near the Grand Councils of Mississippi and Illinois, and discharging from attendance upon that Grand Council, the representatives of said jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Louisiana.

Companion Geo. J. Pinkard was re-elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

MAINE—1877.

Annual assembly May 2d, 1877. Eleven Councils, out of twelve, represented. Grand Master, Sumner H. Boynton, presided.

The Grand Master, in his address, feelingly alludes to the decease of two noted Illustrious Companions who, during the past year "Have gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler e'er returns"—Chas. W. Snow and Edward H. Hinkley. A memorial page in the proceedings is inscribed to each of the deceased companions.

The Grand Master granted one dispensation for a new Council. To which the Grand Council granted a charter.

The Grand Master is strongly in favor of the Council degrees being made pre-requisite to those of the Commandery.

The Grand Council lost all its jewels and paraphernalia by fire a few weeks before its assembly, but its archives were mostly saved.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond submitted another of his very able and interesting reports on Foreign Correspondence, in which he carefully reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1877. He pays us a very pleasing compliment, giving us four pages in his report, and quotes freely from the Grand Master's address, and our report.

Under the head of Mississippi, after quoting the renowned articles of consolidation, he expresses himself of the opinion that it would have been more prudent and respectful to the several Grand Chapters to await its action before consummating this scheme; and that the conferring of the Royal degree before the Royal Arch by the Chapter is a violation of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. The point is well taken—Companion Drummond is right.

In his conclusion he gives a synopsis of the proceedings of the convention of the R. and S. Masters held at Buffalo in August last, and then referring to the future of the rite, he says:

"The plan of a General Grand Council having been abandoned, and there being no prospect of making these degrees prerequisites to the Orders of Knighthood, there remains *three* things which may be done:

- "1. Go on as we are;
- "2. Adopt the 'Mississippi plan';
- "3. Abandon the degrees entirely.

"We have examined very carefully all that we have found pertaining to this matter, and we have no doubt whatever that this is the true situation, and that Cryptic Masons must accept it as such.

"The arguments of the Mississippi Companions were embraced under three general heads:

- "1. That the degrees originally belonged to the Chapter system;
- "2. The expense of sustaining separate organizations;
- "3. That there is such a falling off in the membership and in the number of

Councils as to show that there is not sufficient interest in these degrees to maintain them independently of the Chapters.

"The reply to the first proposition is that it is not true, either historically or ritualistically.

"The second and third really run together, and may be considered together.

"We believe that the depression in Cryptic Masonry, wherever it exists, is not due primarily to a lack of interest and ability to support them in a proper manner. Upon the revival of Masonry, the cultivation of these degrees was resumed, and was gradually extended. The reaction in favor of Masonry was such that it was overdone; the growth was too much of a *fungus* character, and certainly too rapid. Brethren devoted to it more time than due attention to their avocations allowed; they held official stations in from two to four bodies, and even Grand Bodies at a time. Too impatient of waiting for promotion in their body, they sought to establish new ones; each little village was also ambitious of being the seat of one or more Masonic bodies. The result was that a vast number of new charters were granted for bodies, which, when they lost the services of one or two zealous brethren who were their backbone, began to die, or, at best, live at a poor, dying rate.

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We believe that when we have cut off all the *fungi*, we shall find solid timber enough to produce a healthy growth; that the best way is to go on "depressing" till we reach the "hard pan" of a membership who are willing to work these degrees for their intrinsic value. When we have reached that point we should also avoid making the Council a mere appendage to some other organization. We should apply the same rule in the selection of officers, Grand and Subordinate, that we do in electing members; we require the latter to pass through the lower bodies first, and if we take for officers the *past* officers of the lower bodies, or at any rate those not holding office in the other bodies, we shall be likely to find those who will give due attention to the Council and not regard it as a matter to be attended to in such intervals as their duties in the other bodies make convenient. Live officers in the Council and Grand Council, who *magnify their office*, will soon cause a true return of the growth which we are apt to regard as necessary to prosperity.

Let those then who do not believe in lowering the standard to demoralization and dissolution, close up the vacant spaces made by those falling out, and, with united effort, maintain these beautiful degrees in the organizations our fathers created and transmitted to our care."

We would have been glad to have incorporated in this report the whole of Companion Drummond's conclusion but were obliged to be content with a part. He covers the whole ground, and expresses in language not to be misunderstood the exact cause of the falling off and depression in Masonry, and gives a prescription for its complete recovery. We fully agree with Companion Drummond. Far too many "Ahishas" have been suffered to pass the door to the S.: V.: and far too few have been removed.

Companion Fessenden I. Day, of Lewiston, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Ira Berry for the twenty-second time was elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1877.

The twenty-fourth annual assembly was held at Portland, May 8th, 1878. M.: I.: Grand Master Fessenden I. Day presided. Twelve Subordinate Councils represented. The Grand Master reported that he had found his duties exceedingly pleasant, not a large increase in numbers, but a continuous growth, with very little to dishearten and many things to encourage us in the future. He says :

"By an examination of the proceedings, I find that no Council chartered by this Grand Council has ever surrendered its charter; and I think this is due, in a great measure, to the wisdom of this Council, in refusing to grant charters in times of prosperity, which they were not reasonably sure would survive in times of adversity."

In closing he says :

"The hand of business prostration rests as lightly upon us as upon any Masonic body.

Let us, therefore, labor faithfully as those before have done, remembering that we cannot reasonably expect success without striving for and deserving it."

His address referred mostly to matters purely local.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond submitted another of his excellent and interesting reports on Foreign Correspondence, in which he courteously reviewed the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils.

His conclusion accords exactly with our own views—we give it in full.

“In order to show the action of the several Grand Councils upon the important question raised by the action of Mississippi, we have made our report longer than we had intended. In consequence, we omit our usual Table of Statistics.

“An examination of the different proceedings and further reflection, confirms us in the views expressed last year to which we refer.

“We merely repeat:

“The depression in the growth of the Rite arises from temporary causes which must ultimately pass away: and, therefore, the giving up of Council organizations on account of this depression, is without sufficient cause.

“The Chapters have now as many degrees as they have officers to work properly; and the taking of additional degrees will hazard the existence of the Chapters.

“We believe it better, if the Council organization cannot be kept up, to re-mand the degrees to their original position of ‘side degrees,’ to be conferred by the possessors of them at pleasure.

“But one inquiry naturally arises: If the founders of Grand Councils and their associates could maintain these organizations in their infancy, when the numbers were few, why we at this time, when our numbers have increased ten-fold, cannot do the same thing.

“Take Wisconsin, for instance: the Grand Council started with three Councils and some seventy members; when it died it had *nine* Councils and some four hundred members. The case of Illinois is even more surprising: with a good surplus in the treasury, over *fifty* subordinates, and a membership of nearly twenty-five hundred, it became demoralized and took steps toward dissolution, but which, we hope, may still be retraced.

“If our Companions would cease to look at our losses and look at those who remain, we believe they would continue to move on in the even tenor of their way.”

Companion Fessenden I. Day was re-elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Recorder. Companion Drummond is Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

MARYLAND—1875-1876.

We receive greeting from this Grand Council for 1875 and 1876, under one cover.

The reports show the Grand Council in a healthy and prosperous condition, steadily increasing, money ahead and out of debt. In 1876 at the annual session Grand Master McCahon delivered a very interesting address. He acknowledged the receipt of the proceeding of twenty-seven Grand Councils, our own included. He incorporated in his address the proceedings of the convention held at New Orleans, November, 1874.

On resolution the M. I. Grand Master, Dept. I. Grand Master, and Grand P. C. of the Work, were appointed a committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion James W. Bowers was elected Grand Master, and Companion William A. Mentz was elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence, but we may look for one next time.

MARYLAND—1877.

Annual Assembly met in city of Baltimore. November 19th 1877.

Companion James W. Bowers Most Illustrious Grand Master, presided. Five Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is only of local interest.

Cryptic Masonry seems to be in a prosperous condition in that jurisdiction.

Companion Edwin L. Parker, Jr., was elected M.: I.: G.: M.: and Companion William A. Mentz was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS—1877.

Annual Assembly was held in the city of Boston, December 12th, 1877, and was presided over by Philander Nutter, Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Master, Charles J. Danforth having deceased during his term of office. Eighteen subordinate Councils represented. The Grand Master's address is brief and purely local. One new Council was formed during the year. Two old Councils "after a long interval of rest have revived, and manifest a spirit of life and vigor."

A vote of thanks was extended to the Grand Council of Minnesota for their kindly sympathy expressed on the decease of Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles J. Danforth.

A memorial page in the proceedings is dedicated to the memory of this deceased Grand Master, and a fine portrait of him adorns the frontal page thereof.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman was elected M.: Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion John Haigh was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence, yet the Grand Recorder acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1877.

Where is Companion St. John, the able chairman of that committee? We were expecting to hear from him again this year, and were disappointed when we took up the proceedings and found therein no report on Foreign Correspondence. But we are glad to be able to glean from the proceedings that the Grand Council of Massachusetts is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and is not one of those that "Looketh through a glass darkly."

MICHIGAN—1877.

The nineteenth Annual Assembly was held at Detroit, January 15th, 1877. Grand Master George Hill presided.

Forty-three out of forty-seven Subordinate Councils represented; only three not making returns.

The Grand Master in his address refers to matters of interest only within that jurisdiction. He decided adversely to the Grand Representative system adopted by most of the other Grand Councils; and his action was concurred in by the Grand Council. They can't see any good to result from it. We can certainly see no harm in it; and a possible, if not a probable, good may be the fruit of it.

Charters were granted to three new Councils.

The Grand Council of Michigan is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. It has no superior among the Grand Councils; all of which results from the fact that it has been blest with live officers.

The following questions on Masonic Law were decided by the Grand Master, and his decisions affirmed by the Grand Council.

"*First*—Can a Companion take the degrees of R.: and S.: M.: in one Council, and, without payment of dues or demit, join another Council?

Answer—No. It is a well established law that no brother can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time; and the same rule holds good in regard to R.: and S.: M.:, but demit must accompany the petition.

Second—A Companion R.: A.: M.: presents his petition to the council for degrees, and a member verbally objects to the petitioner, but is not in a position where he can black-ball him. Can the T.: I.: M.: receive petition, elect and confer the degrees on the candidate if informed of the objection prior to the reception of petition and election?

Answer—No. If the companion objecting is in good standing, he has an undoubted right to say who shall become members of his council, and if prevented from attending the meetings, his only chance to keep out an unworthy member is to say to the T.: I.: M.: 'I object to the petition,' without giving his reasons therefor."

A memorial page in the proceedings is set apart in remembrance of Past Grand Master John Clark, who died February 19th, 1876.

Companion J. R. Everhard, of Jackson, was elected Grand Master, and Com- G. B. Noble, of Detroit, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on correspondence. Why thus, Companion Noble?

We notice that in Michigan a historian was appointed to present to the Grand Council a report of the early history and introduction of Cryptic Masonry into that State.

Why don't all the Grand Councils do likewise? It seems to us it would result in much good.

MICHIGAN—1878.

"For this relief much thanks." We are greeted with a beautiful piece of work sent us from the Peninsular State, by way of Proceedings for 1878.

Companion J. R. Everard, M.: I.: Grand Master.

Forty-three chartered Councils represented. Six not represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a credit to the Worthy Companion who delivered it; but the subject matter concerns only the Companions of that jurisdiction. He thinks we have great reason to rejoice for what we see to-day. He says:

"If we have not built up as many Councils as might have been wished, we have the satisfaction of believing that the structures we have erected stand upon firm foundations, and that the individual blocks composing these structures were all hewed and squared in the quarries, and were all brought up for inspection, and found to be good work, and square work, and such work as we are authorized to receive; and also the satisfaction of feeling that nothing has occurred to mar our harmony, or bring reproach upon or dim the luster of our honored Order.

"For the general prosperity of our Rite we ought to take courage. Perhaps there never was a time in the history of our glorious institution when the intelligence, refinement, culture and dignity of our Order was so manifest, and its signal influences so obvious as to-day; commanding, as it does, the respect of all good people.

"Let us, therefore, be jealous of our well acquired honors, taking special care that our Vaults and Temples are not sullied, no evil harbored or wrong-doing tolerated; purging our S. V. and Temples of all vice and immorality, so that the cavalier will search through our numbers in vain to find the drunkard, the profaner, the liar, seducer, debaucher, licentious, or any other wickedness within our Cryptic Rite.

We cannot be too guarded in selecting the material for our symbolic temples. The applicants should be tried by the square of morality and also by the test of truth; for a temple sustained by a score of men of sterling integrity and virtue will possess more strength than a hundred unworthy Masons."

We endorse every word: "'tis thus we e'er have thought, and preached and sung." "Quality, not quantity." Our stability consists not in numbers, but in virtue, activity and real worth and merit. The closer we guard against the approach of the immoral, the indifferent and the apathetic, the higher will we rise in respect and esteem of all good men. We want none but the Royal and Select.

The Grand treasury was reported in good condition, \$808.40 surplus.

Companion Andrew J. Utley was elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Garra B. Noble was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Noble. We are very much pleased with it. It is a good one. He does not, however, give expression to his own views quite as much as some do. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils.

Minnesota for 1877 receives a fraternal notice. We quote his conclusion in full. It is too good to pass by:

"In presenting this our report we have endeavored to give what information we could glean from the transactions of the several Grand Councils, touching the prosperity and future of Cryptic Masonry. We find many reasons to be encouraged; none to be discouraged. Some are despondent and ready to give up the ghost, but we think the trouble with these may be attributed to their officers, together with a lack of energy and interest in the Order. Too many seek the offices for the name, and know no interest beyond the title of M.: I.: G.: Master or T.: I.: Master. Away with this class of what we can not call true workmen, but drones, and place in their stead those who do not sleep on their posts—"inflict the penalty without mercy." Mississippi and Illinois have taken measures to

transfer the Council degrees to their several Royal Arch Chapters, "provided the General Grand Chapter will allow them to do so." We cannot see any advantage in so doing, as some are already complaining of too many degrees in the Chapter. If the Council degrees are not worth the working as they are, give them up; disband. Do not try to foist them where they never belonged. If you give them to anybody, return them to whom we received them from, the A. and A. Rite. We are not aware that the Royal Arch Chapter ever had any control of them."

"Them's our sentiments too." We fully agree with Companion Noble.

MISSISSIPPI—1877.

We receive tidings from this jurisdiction by way of proceedings for 1877.

The Grand Council assembled at Vicksburg, February 6th, 1877, and was presided over by Illustrious Companion Wm. G. Paxton, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master Companion P. M. Savary being absent.

Eighteen Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Grand Recorder. It is a well written document and worthy the Illustrious Companion who wrote it. It is, however, of little interest outside that jurisdiction.

The famous report of the committee on multiplication of degrees, presenting the arrangement by which the council degrees are to be transferred to the chapter, was adopted by only one dissenting vote—Companion Wm. S. Patton.

Companion Patton submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, and we have no doubt that it was a good one, and very much regret that we are deprived the privilege of reviewing it, but it was referred to a *select committee* and that committee failed to report on it, and it was not printed in the proceedings.

"Luck at that now."

Good bye, Companion Patton, we have your name recorded in our book, and we won't forget you. We shall always remember you as the "Boy" that

"Stood on the burning deck,
Whence all but him had fled."

Companion Wm. G. Paxton, of Vicksburg, was elected Grand Master, and Companion J. L. Power, of Jackson, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

We have received a circular from Companion H. M. Walter, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. He claims that as the General Grand Chapter did not disapprove of the peculiar alliance down there in Mississippi, hence it must be that it was approved, and they are at liberty to follow on in the illegitimate course they have commenced. We presume upon the same reasoning, that if the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter should form an alliance of the same sort, and the General Grand Chapter did not say no, but should decide that it had nothing to do with it, companions in Mississippi would conclude that this non-action would amount to an endorsement of the union. This is the first time we ever heard that the offering of a resolution, and the putting of it over until another meeting, meant the adopting of it. *Quam quo Altius est.*

We are among those that believe that the General Grand Chapter has nothing to do with the Council degrees. It has only to do with the Capitular degrees: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. Neither will it presume to meddle with them. It might as well attempt to combine the Craft, Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric degrees all together, and work them all in the bosom of the Chapter. It would be just as legitimate, just as reasonable, and just as legal. We can't see any good to redound to the benefit of Cryptic Masonry from such a source. While we must accord to Companion Walter and his followers in Mississippi, a degree of honesty and sincerity in the course they have taken, yet, we must confess, that, to us, the movement is suicidal to Cryptic Masonry in that State.

While we believe there can not be *too* many Masons in the true sense, yet we do believe there are far *too* many initiates—far *too* many who have seen the inside of the Lodge, but did not behold the beauty thereof, and who were never duly and truly prepared; who have been through the forms, but who never partook of the spirit; who never had breathed into them the soul of Masonry; who never have been and who never will be Masons, let them take ever so many degrees. No more can a mean, selfish, penurious, brainless man become a Mason than can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots. He may be initiated, passed, raised, exalted, knighted, and receive all the ranks that can be conferred, yet he will see no beauty in it all, except that which adorns himself. He believes in Masonry so far only as he is the recipient of its favors and benefits.

We all of us know that there are far too many of this class that have passed the outer door, and found admission into the bosom of our Lodges and Chapters. Now we are among those that believe that there should be some secret vault where the royal and select hearts among the innumerable concourse may find a reunion and a home unto themselves alone. We believe the Crypt, of all others, is that sacred retreat. Then let that be sacred unto us. No matter for members; it is not "quantity but quality we crave." If we have the true, warm-hearted, open-handed, whole-souled Masons, be they few or many, we are content: none but the Royal, none but the Select do we desire shall enter our Secret Vault.

MISSOURI—1877.

Grand Council assembled at St. Louis, October 5th, 1877. Grand Master W. R. Stubblefield presided. Seven subordinates represented. The Grand Master delivered a very good address. He seems to favor the Mississippi scheme; regrets the general apathy in regard to the Cryptic Rite, and hopes it may be saved through some such means as that devised by Walter, Power & Co., and yet I do not think his heart is in that direction. He says:

"I see nothing now to do but for us all to go heartily to work with the feeling that we have the elements of success in ourselves and our ritual. There is beauty in Cryptic Masonry, there is sublimity in the degrees, and I think we can make it what it was intended to be, the very summit and perfection of Masonry."

Now that is just so—it is the very truth. It is Royal and Select Masonry, and the great difficulty is too many have entered the secret vault that were not Royal and Select Masons, and they soon went to sleep.

A very beautiful memorial page was set apart in the proceedings to the memory of George Frank Gouley, and a fine portrait of the worthy companion adorns the frontal page of the proceedings.

Companion Wm. R. Penick was chosen M. I. G. M., and Companion John W. Luke was elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Luke presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, our own receiving kindly and fraternal notice. He seems to think we have not got faith for the hope that is within us. He says of us:

“From his standpoint he has faith in Cryptic Masonry *per se*, and consequently he sees every thing in that light. Is it a hopeful way to look at matters, but it seems to be very difficult to impart that hopefulness to others outside of a few jurisdictions.”

We have all probably heard the story of the well man made to believe that he was actually sick and nigh unto death, by being frequently told so by his friends, who were experimenting on him, until he finally took to his bed altogether, purely a victim of fear. Now that is exactly the case with Cryptic Masonry. It has had so many Grand Masters and other officers who have been continually harping upon “apathy,” “indifference” and “languishing condition,” that the Companions in some jurisdictions have actually concluded that something is the matter—that Cryptic Masonry is sick “and nigh unto death.” When in truth and in fact it is in a sound and healthy, condition if the Masonic doctors will only let it alone. Give it plenty of good wholesome exercise and it is all right.

NEBRASKA—CIRCULAR.

Annual assembly was held December 20th, 1877, at Omaha.

The merging of the Chartered Councils of Nebraska with Royal Arch Chapters was considered, and it was ordered that the matter be submitted to the Councils for their action.

This action is a little more in accordance with our views of justice and right, that the course taken by the Grand Councils of Mississippi, Illinois and Wisconsin, where the question was not submitted at all to the Subordinate Councils for decision, but the representatives assembled killed the Grand Councils and all the Subordinates.

Companion Robert W. Furnas of Brownsville, was elected Grand Master, and Companion William R. Bowen of Omaha, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1876.

Annual convocation was held at Concord, May 15th, 1876. Grand Master Oliver C. Fisher presided. Eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was of interest only in that jurisdiction. He reports Cryptic Masonry in a prosperous condition there. One new Council organized during the year. He feelingly refers to the death of two "Fathers" in Masonry in that state, to-wit: Companion Thomas J. Sanborn, who died June 9th, 1875, and Companion Daniel Balch who died August 22d, 1875. Both Past Grand Masters.

Companion Andrew J. Thompson, of Laconia, was elected Grand Master. and Companion John A. Harris was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1877.

Annual convocation was held at Concord, May 14th, 1877. Grand Master Andrew J. Thompson presided. Four Subordinate Councils represented. Eight made returns.

The Grand Master's address is brief yet very good.

He says:

"The year just closed has been one of usual prosperity for the order. Harmony has everywhere prevailed, and the several Subordinate Councils have done as much work as a healthy growth demands. A large increase in membership has not characterized the fraternity in any of its bodies throughout our country. It is well it should be so. Hours for rest, days from obscured sun-blaze, when vegetation halts to strengthen a year of tardy growth, are necessary for the perfection of Nature's productions. We are governed by the same laws and must gain our highest development in the same way. That which we have done has been well done, is all that is required."

We fully agree with the Companion,—“quality, not quantity.” Give us the gold without the dross. Give us a pure, healthy growth, then we shall not continually be obliged to be lopping off dead limbs. Let the motto, “Go slow,” be adopted and practiced, and expulsions, suspensions, striking from the roll, and arresting of charters will be less frequent.

The following resolution, adopted by the Grand Council, was a move in the right direction:

“Resolved, That one of the first three officers of the Grand Council be required to visit each of the Councils in the State once during the year.”

The Constitution of the Grand Council was amended by adding to a section thereof the following:

“Any Companion who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues shall not be admitted to membership in any other Council until the same are paid or remitted.”

Committee on Returns report one Council dormant. Let it be dealt with accordingly. Tolerate no *Ahishars*.

Companion Henry P. Glidden was elected Grand Master, and Companion John A. Harris was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

With the proceedings of this Grand Council we received a circular announcing the sad intelligence of the death of Companion John A. Harris, the Grand Recorder. He died at Concord, on the 3d day of September, 1877, aged fifty-four years. He had been a very faithful laborer in the cause of Cryptic Masonry in that State, and had done much for its lasting good. In his address to the Grand Council at its session in 1875 he presented a complete history of council Masonry in that State from its commencement. His loss will be deeply deplored.

"His column is broken !" His brethren are mourning
The loss of a brother so faithful and true ;
No more at the Annual Assembly returning
Will his bright smiles of welcome their gladness renew.

"His column is broken !" but do not deplore him.
His spirit has entered the mansions of rest.
Tho' the cold hand of death passed so ruthlessly o'er him,
His soul is at peace in the home of the blest.

"His column is broken !" no more we behold him
Adorning the pillars of beauty and love ;
The gavel has sounded, the master has called him
From labor on earth to refreshment above."

NEW YORK--1877.

The sixty-eighth annual assembly convened at the city of New York, September 11th, 1877. Present Most Illustrious George M. Osgoodby Grand Master, together with the representatives of twenty Subordinate Councils. The Grand Master's address is a beautiful piece of work and worthy the Companion who wrote it, and shows that the Grand Council of New York is alive to the interests of the Crypt. He very fittingly, feelingly and eloquently speaks of the death of Companions George Frank Gouley, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri ; William Edward Lathrop Past T. I. Master of Doric Council, at Rochester, who deceased April 22, 1877, at the ripe age of eighty-three years ; and M. I. Charles J. Danforth, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts. To the memory of the first two appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings.

Of the condition of the Crypt in his jurisdiction, he says :

Harmony prevails within our S. V. throughout this jurisdiction. I have not been called upon during my official term to decide any questions in dispute, or to render any decision upon Masonic Cryptic Jurisprudence, and I congratulate you, therefore, that peace reigns within our Arches, that our Companions are dwelling together in unity of spirit, and that no sounds of discord or turmoil are to be heard amongst our workmen.

It is very fortunate that it is in New York that that condition of affairs exists, for if it had happened in some jurisdictions it would be taken as conclusive evidence of "being sick and nigh unto death." But in New York we see it is set down as evidence of prosperity.

In referring to the Mississippi scheme, he says :

"I deem it unnecessary to comment upon the position taken by our sister Grand Council of Mississippi, other than to say that of its most faithful and devoted friends to the Cryptic Rite, the one of all the most prominent in its organization, M.: I.: P. M. Savery, is not agreed with their action, and many others there are opposed to it ; in fact, their action seems to have been sprung upon that body without giving notice to those opposed to it.

The effect of this action has been to work incalculable injury to Cryptic Masonry, and has put it back for years in obtaining the recognition which we have in common with so many of the Grand Councils been earnestly working for.

The Grand Master presents a table in which he shows that in a majority of the States the Grand Councils outrank in age the Grand Commanderies. By his table, in the following States the Grand Council was first organized, to wit: Arkansas, Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin. Total, 19.

In the following named States the Commandery was first organized: California, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and Termon. Total, 11.

Then, in closing, he says:

"With these facts, which are stubborn and not to be gainsaid, let it no more be argued that Cryptic Masonry is of recent origin.

"The light afforded by the Cryptic degrees is just what is needed by the seekers after Masonic truth and information. Royal Arch Masonry is incomplete in itself, and but few thinking minds pass through the Chapter degrees without having a deep abiding sense that there is something yet to be learned by them; and when, in search of that further light, the inquiring student in Masonry presses on, and seeks in Chivalric Masonry (without first receiving the Cryptic degrees) that knowledge which he has felt intuitively to be wanting, he still finds that his mind remains unsatisfied, and is still at an unrest, and it so remains until he receives the light afforded in our S.: V.:, then the chain is complete, every link in its place, and the beautiful symmetry of the whole Masonic fabric is to be and is clearly discovered by him in all its loveliness; hence we say that Cryptic Masonry is indispensable to the American system; that without it the system would be incomplete, and that it stands recognized as essential to it, by nearly all of the eminent Masonic scholars who have investigated the subject and whose masonic knowledge it ill becomes the tyro to call in question.

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 Shall we persevere, then, my Companions, in this glorious work entrusted to us? or shall we abandon our manly, masonic and laudable endeavors to obtain the recognition which is our right, and which, when granted, will elevate the standard of Chivalric Masonry much higher than it now is, and will render the material used in its Temple much more choice, perfect, and hence more desirable.
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Thanking you for the kindness which has ever been exhibited to me during the many years past in which we have been associated, and particularly since I have been honored by being your choice to hold official position over you, and for your attention on the present occasion, let us again approach the throne of

the Divine Master, and invoke His blessing upon us and His guidance and direction in our labors here, and the continuance of His loving kindness during our pilgrimage, that our lives and labors may tend to the benefit and elevation of our Order, and the advancement of the principles we have professed, and which we have vowed to cherish.

And while

'I know not what in store may be
For you my brethren, or for me,
Yet this I know since God is just,
If in his name we put our trust,
Through journeys long for good or ill,
His own right hand will guide us still.

And when we part, as part we must,
Somewhere, to meet again I trust,
May that calm strength, that earnest aim,
That loving faith, which kept aflame
Our Altar fires through ill and good,
Descend and bless our brotherhood.

There comes a time, 'twill come to all,
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each with Ashler, rough or true,
Must pass Death's solemn portal through,
Be it yours, my brethren, then to hear
From the Master's lips, these words of cheer,
'Your work is found both true and square,
Pass on.' "

The heaviness that had settled in our heart upon taking up some of the proceedings of the Grand Councils, is greatly removed upon taking up the proceedings of New York and reading the Grand Master's address and the report of the committee on correspondence. Thank God, there are some oases in the "Great Sahara" of Cryptic Masonry

Companion Charles G. Hudson submitted a very able and interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils.

Under the head of Arkansas he says:

"In vain may the Grand Master exhort and committees lament, Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas will never be any better while every proposition and every attempt at improvement is loftily put down with 'our opinion' and our 'power and dignity.' Better yield 'our opinion' and our 'power and dignity,' if the condition of the craft can possibly be improved. What can the Grand Council of Arkansas expect of the members of the subordinate councils? There has never been a committee on Foreign Correspondence in that jurisdiction since we have waded through its proceedings, and there has never been manifested a scintilla of zeal, enterprise or earnest endeavor. Its companions sit in the dark recess of their crumbling arches and know nothing of the condition of Cryptic Masonry at large; it can consequently have no earnest love for the institutions. We shall expect nothing else from Arkansas but a proposition soon to disband or creep under the wing of their Grand Chapter."

He gives Companion Austin of Indiana, credit for writing the best report of the year, and gives it the palm, which it deserves.

"Under the head of Mississippi he starts out as follows :

"Your committee, a band of weary sojourners, upon coming where once has stood the Arches of Mississippi, and where in former years they had heard the sound of the trowel and the gleam of the sword, found all silent and forsaken. Ruins marked the spot. We, however, begun our work, and after passing the ruins of columns of the different orders of architecture, came to what had the appearance of once having been a door. Striking it, it returned a hollow sound. We thereupon redoubled our assiduity, and at length forced it open, and discovered the skeleton of a man, who had apparently died in sleep. Beyond it were nine broken arches. We passed through them, and in the ninth arch found some rusty trowels and broken swords. Redoubling our search we at length discovered a parchment. The place being very offensive to sight and smell, we retreated with the parchment. Upon deciphering it we found as follows :"

Then he gives the report of the joint committee on consolidation. Then he says :

"Thus ends the General Council of Mississippi, unless the General Grand Chapter refuse to ratify, which we sincerely hope it will do. The Chapter has enough degrees now. The Royal Arch is now too long, and the Companion of the Chapter has enough to learn in that body without adding two degrees more. We hope the Grand Council of Mississippi will be thrown on its own inherent energy, if it has any, and be left to sink or swim by itself. The Companions of Mississippi have acknowledged, in an ignominious manner, their inability or indisposition to maintain the Cryptic Rite. It would have been better to have disbanded."

Again, under the same head, he says :

"Since writing the above, we have received the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1877, but we find nothing of interest to add except that only eighteen subordinates were represented out of thirty-one. It strikes us as a little remarkable that the representatives of so small a proportion of Councils should take upon themselves the responsibility of killing the Grand Council and all its subordinates; moreover, the question was not submitted at all to the subordinate Councils for decision. We don't believe any Grand body has any right to legislate itself or its subordinates out of existence. The question must first be submitted to the various Councils for their action, and decided by their vote. We believe all this action by the Grand Council of Mississippi to be null and void.

"We are happy to state that the petition to the General Grand Chapter had no effect, as we are informed the General Grand Chapter decided it had no jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees, and defined the degrees of the Chapter to be M.: M.:, P.: M.:, M.: E.: M.: and R.: A.: We trust this forever settles the question of incorporating the Cryptic degrees as a side show in the Chapter. If we are to be a side show we will run it in our own tent."

Take our hand, Companion Hudson. Shake!

And again he says:

"We hope all the Companions everywhere, in every jurisdiction, will no longer waste their energies on expedients for foreign intervention and help, but rather apply them to the development of the inherent power and vitality of the Cryptic Rite. Keep up the organizations. Keep up the meetings, even if there is not one candidate a year. It is not our sole object to make Cryptic Masons. We might as well say the sole object of a school was to train teachers to train other teachers. And yet, the immense majority of Masons think the sole gauge of prosperity is the number of candidates."

Companion Hudson gives a table of statistics in which he estimates the total number of Royal and Select Masters in the United States and Canadas to be 30,825..

His conclusion is excellent, we would like to "scissor" the whole, but must be content with the following:

"In conclusion we think the general outlook is as good as can be expected for the times. We are all aware that these are hard times, money is not plenty with many of the Craft, and few are taking degrees. All branches of the order are complaining of little work. But we think the Cryptic Rite is holding its relative position with the other bodies. Of course we cannot expect it to be as large as the Chapter, or the Lodge, nor shall we ever rival them. But we are doing as well as they are, and we have no cause to be discouraged. These are the times that try our material.

Those who are true Masons, who have entered into the spirit of the teachings of the Fraternity, will hold fast and be as zealous and enthusiastic as ever. The poor material will fail and show its worthlessness. We think we have nearly passed through the period of depression, and a reaction will soon set in. Some Councils may yet expire, and even some Grand Councils may become defunct, but we hope not. Very much will depend upon the energy of the presiding officers.

Our future must depend upon ourselves. It is useless to look for help to other bodies. It will do no good to pass resolutions, or present memorials. We must put our own shoulders to the wheel, and develop ourselves. If we do this, there need be no fear as to the result. We now number over thirty thousand Cryptic Masons. We can support ourselves and live alone. We think there is an end of the expedient of being taken under the protecting wing of the Chapter. We think the action of the General Grand Chapter settles that.

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Let each Cryptic Mason go forth in the future with a willing hand, a zealous heart, and

'Learn to labor and to wait.'

Companion Geo. M. Osgoodby, of Nunda, was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Geo. Vanvliet was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Charles G. Hudson was of course appointed chairman of the committee on correspondence. We thank Companion Hudson for the true pleasure his report has given us. We are glad that we may hear from him again. "He is the kind in which our soul delights." We ne'er have seen the tree, but have tasted of the fruit thereof and cannot but pronounce it good.

NORTH CAROLINA,

Annual Assembly was held in the city of Newburn, June 6th, 1877. Companion C. M. VanOrsdell presided.

Three Subordinate Councils represented. The Grand Master's address presents a doleful picture of Cryptic Masonry in that state.

A memorial page was inscribed to the memory of Companion Wm. Geddy Hill, who died May 4th, 1877.

Companion John Nichols moved that a committee on the part of the Grand Council be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Grand Chapter in preparing a memorial to the General Grand Chapter looking to the change of the constitution as to permit the degrees of Royal and Select Master to be conferred under its sanction and authority, which motion prevailed.

Good bye, John. We looked for better things from you, but since you have "gone and done it," good bye.

Companion C. M. VanOrsdell was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Donald W. Bain was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

OHIO—1877.

Forty-seventh Annual Assembly held at Cleveland, August 29th, 1877.

Companion Samuel W. Courtwright, M.: Ill.: Grand Master, presided.

Fifty-eight Councils represented.

The Grand Masters address is purely local, but shows that the Grand Council of Ohio has the right man in the right place.

He made one decision which he submitted to the Grand Council. He was affirmed, as follows:

"Whether a council of Royal and Select Masters may receive and entertain the petition for degrees of a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason?"

He decided in the *affirmative*, provided the petitioner be in good standing and resides within the jurisdiction of the council receiving the petition.

The Grand Treasury seems to be in a healthy condition. Balance on hand \$929.71.

The report of the committee on correspondence is by Companion Will. M. Cunningham. He courteously reviews proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, our own not included. His conclusion accords with the views of your committee. It is very good indeed. He says:

"In concluding this report your committee would congratulate the companions upon the *actual* prosperity of the rite, regardless of the detractions heaped upon it by its enemies from without, and the evils attendant upon supine officials from within, in so many subordinate councils throughout the United States. Concerning the questions agitating the rite your committee can only reiterate views heretofore expressed. The agitation of the pre-requisite question, in its *supplicatory* form, has resulted in greater evils than those ever brought about by careless officials. In one jurisdiction it has resulted in the actual surrender, by a prosperous Grand Council, of the council degrees to the Grand Chapter of that State; and other jurisdictions are also having to 'cut the tail off behind the ears' and cauterizing the trunk to stop the bleeding process under consideration; its advocates regarding it as a sugar-coated panacea for all the ills produced by apathy and want of interest. A courteous demand for recognition as a *RIGHT*, and not as *alms*, would at least be less disagreeable, and he is more likely to secure the desired end; although either process in the present prosperous—so far as numbers and public displays are concerned—condition of Templarism, will doubtless prevent any favorable action in this connection.

As history is said to repeat itself, so it was to be feared that, unless a higher standard for admission to knightly honors is prescribed than the mere possession of prerequisite grades, ability to pay fees and dues, procure a uniform and appear in public displays, that its apparent wealth and power may again cause arrogance to be substituted for humility, its arrogance be productive of bigotry, and bigotry result in intolerance of individual rights, knightly courtesies, and the Masonic restraints that now surround the Order, and to which it owes the actual prosperity attendant upon the Orders since their reorganization.

The effort to be made to abrogate the capitular prerequisite may soon be followed by an attempt to sever entirely all Masonic connection, as was once attempted in Scotland; and, whether successful or not, its mere consideration would be not only hurtful but disastrous to the best interest of Templar Masonry. However, let us hope that better counsels may always prevail, and that the whole Masonic family may soon be united in interests, courtesies, and brotherhood.

This result may be easily attained by every Mason, of whatever degree, simply doing his duty, and observing the well known teachings of our institution.

Companion Samuel W. Courtwright was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion John Day Caldwell was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion William M. Cunningham is still doomed to shove his magic quill and wear the "mantle reportorial." You have our warmest sympathy. Companion Cunningham.

ONTARIO—1876 AND 1877.

A very beautiful piece of work is sent us from our Companions "over the border." The frontal page is adorned by the portrait of the present Grand Master David McLellan. It contains the printed proceedings for 1876 and 1877.

The Grand Council convened at Toronto, August 29th, 1876, and was presided over by M. J. Ill. Companion Daniel Spry, Grand Master. Seven chartered Councils represented. The Grand Master's address is a very able and interesting document, and shows that he has been faithful to his trust and wide awake to the interests of the Crypt. In speaking of the condition of Cryptic Masonry he says:

"In rendering you an account of my official conduct during the past year it affords me much gratification to be enabled to state that the Cryptic Rite continues steadily to advance, extending itself to all parts of the Dominion, and has even winged its flight to our prairie province, Manitoba. The Subordinate Councils are generally well conducted, and the returns, which will be laid before you, will show the steady progress which is being made. You are quite aware that I have always urged upon the attention of Grand Council the desirability of being extremely cautious in the admission of members to our Councils, urging upon the officers of these subordinate bodies, who are in the habit of assembling with us, the necessity of selecting with great care from among those who ask to be admitted to the secrets of the Ninth Arch, those who possess the necessary intelligence to enable them to become earnest and faithful workers in our Order. In many Councils I find that these teachings have not been without effect, and that the result of such caution has been to admit only those who have attained some position in the other grades of Masonry. Adhering to the same advice, I have not countenanced the opening of Councils in localities where I considered there did not exist a field sufficiently wide to justify me in the granting of dispensations. The multiplication of Councils will bring no strength to Grand Council, nor aid in the proper extension of an order that possesses so many charms, unless the companions selected to preside over them are possessed of ability of the highest order to enable them to thoroughly and intelligently understand and impart the work."

Now that is exactly the difficulty. We have been advancing too swiftly. We have been too ready and anxious to form Councils. We have admitted alto-

gether too many "Ahishars," and have seen the evils of our too great haste and imprudence. How often have we placed at the head of our Councils Companions who at the same time were Masters of Lodges, High Priests of Chapters, and Eminent Commanders! and, although they were worthy Companions, they felt "their honors too thick upon them," their burdens greater than they could bear, and finally concluded that the Masonic degrees were too numerous, and began to contemplate and advocate consolidation, or some plan like that of Mississippi. The fact is, we have too many Councils. The door of the ninth arch has been opened to altogether too many "who do not possess the intelligence to enable them to become earnest and faithful workers in our Order." If many of the Grand jurisdictions did not have more than one third the number of Royal and Select Masters than they now do, and not more than one fourth the Councils, we wager a venture that there would be no one to advance any such plan as the Mississippi scheme. Far too many "Ahishars" have been admitted, and far too few have been removed.

Charters were granted to two new Councils as follows: Cyrus Council No. 13, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Morris Council No. 14, at Perth.

Companion Fred. J. Menet was elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Companion James B. Nixon was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The seventh annual assembly was held at London, August 8th, 1877. Grand Master Fred. J. Menet presided. Nine Subordinate Councils were represented. The Grand Master's address is very good indeed, but is mostly of local interest. In speaking of the Mississippi consolidation he says:

"It is much to be regretted that this action has been necessitated by the apparent languishing condition of both those bodies, as the degrees of both Orders, though having an historical connection with each other, are in all other jurisdictions governed by independent bodies, and it is doubtful, even if—for that reason only, it will be found advantageous to have them unite under one governing body."

Companion David McLellan, of Hamilton, was elected Most Ill.: Grand Master, and James B. Nixon was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Nixon presented a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, our own for 1876 receiving fraternal notice.

Under the head of Missouri he says:

"Our Missouri Companions seem to have made up their minds that Cryptic Masonry cannot prosper unless Masons are compelled to take our degrees before they can become Knight Templars. We are happy to say that in this jurisdiction we feel quite competent to stand alone, and we believe that we can by our work so commend our Order to those seeking Masonic light that we will have no difficulty in building up a large and influential Grand body in this Province. We should feel very much afraid if our applicants only looked on the Cryptic degrees as stepping-stones to the Templar order, that we should soon have a superabundance of drones in our hive, and few who really took an interest in the institution for the sake of the institution, but merely to attain to something beyond it."

His ideas in regard to Cryptic Masonry accord with our own. In his closing remarks he says:

"The Cryptic Rite throughout the various jurisdictions seems to be in a very languid condition, with a few notable exceptions, and the prominent members of the institution seem to be looking forward anxiously to the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, in Cleveland, to have the prerequisite question settled. We hope the question will be settled satisfactorily to those who wish the Council degrees made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood; but at the same time we cannot but feel that the institution is quite good enough in itself to occupy that position to which it is entitled in regular Masonic progression, and we question very much if the hot-house growth that the Order may receive will be as healthy as if it had to stand entirely on its own merits. How much interest will the members be likely to take in an institution that they must go through in order to get at something which they deem more desirable? We believe that the only thing wanting to make the Cryptic Order as great a success or greater than the Knight Templars is zeal for the institution and energy and perseverance in working it out in our jurisdiction. We mistake the spirit of our members if they would seriously consider for one moment the idea of petitioning the Great Priory of Knights Templars to make the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a prerequisite to that institution. Our Grand Council is young, and has not been able make as great progress as we would have desired, but all of our members seem to be greatly attached to the institution, and believe it to be quite as worthy of a good maintenance as either of the other bodies, and from present indications we have reason to believe that before two years we will have as many flourishing Subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of *Ontario*, as the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada has Subordinate Preceptories. We feel inclined to look with more favor on the idea of a General Grand Council, but as *foreigners* perhaps that concerns us very little."

The Companion is right. It is just exactly what we have been thinking all the time. We don't want those chaps that would take a passage in our humble bark, only that they may be towed to the proud and tinsel ship of chivalry. We don't want any drafted men. We prefer volunteers. If we have to go out and compel guests to come in and partake of our feast—or else have none at our table—why we'll eat alone, that's all.

PENNSYLVANIA—1878.

This Grand Council held its thirty-second Annual Assembly at Alleghany City, February 20th, 1878. Grand Master Geter C. Shidle presided.

Ten subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was short, and only referred to his official acts.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance on hand of \$1855.24.

The Grand Recorder reported total membership of 1662.

The special committee on clothing, jewels, &c., submitted a report which was adopted:

"*Apron*—Officers of Grand Council, white lambskin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep; royal purple and gold colored silk binding, two inches wide, purple occupying the middle, the gold color placed on either side. The border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide. In the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of purple silk surrounded with a gilt or gold embroidered border; within the triangle a triple fan of same material, two gilt flat seven bouil-

lon tassels to be suspended by tabs of purple and gold colored silk. On the area of apron shall be embroidered a representation of the jewel of the office, a circle, triangle and emblem, on a ground of purple silk three and one-half inches in diameter.

"Aprons of members same as officers, omitting the embroidery on the area."

There seems to be a difference of opinion between Indiana and Pennsylvania in regard to the "apron." We will wait and try and find a "lettle out."

The committee on correspondence, after referring to and quoting in full the famous Walter, Jerome & Co.'s circulars from Mississippi and Illinois, sum up as follows:

"We very much regret the foregoing action taken by the Grand Councils of Mississippi and Illinois, as in our opinion it is suicidal.

It is the sundering of ties which have for many years united the Grand Council of Pennsylvania with the Cryptic Masons of these jurisdictions. We cannot acknowledge that the council degrees can be lawfully conferred in the present day under any other authority than that of a Grand Council. We do not understand how Grand Chapters, their constitutions or their ritual, can recognize these degrees or have any knowledge of them. As well might the Grand Lodges of this country confer the Mark Master's degree because it is a part of the Fellow Craft. As well might the Grand Chapters confer the Red Cross Order, because the legends on which it is founded are so intimately connected with the Royal Arch.

With regret we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania declares that the Royal or Select Masters' degrees cannot be lawfully conferred by, or under the sanction or, the warrant of Royal Arch Chapters. That Cryptic Masons so made cannot visit councils in this jurisdiction, or be recognized in any manner whatsoever."

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Council.

We cannot see why the reasoning of this Grand Council is not correct.

Companion Mark Richards Muckle was elected M.: P.: Grand Master, and Companion Charles E. Meyer was re-elected R.: P.: Grand Recorder. Companion Meyer was appointed chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE—1877.

The twenty-eighth assembly of this Grand Council met in the city of Nashville, November 15th, 1877, and was presided over by Grand Master Benjamin F. Haller. Twenty-four Subordinate Councils represented. Twenty-one not represented. The Grand Master's address is very good. He speaks very appropriately of the untimely death of Companion George Frank Gouley, Companion Kent Jarvis, of Ohio, and Companion Thomas B. Firth, of Tennessee, and covers them with the proudest title that can be given either to the living or the dead.

"A good man and zealous Mason."

Memorial pages were appropriated to the memory of the deceased Companions.

Companion Bradford Nichol, of Nashville, was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion John Frizzell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

VERMONT—1876.

The annual assembly was held in the city of Burlington, June 15th, 1876. Grand Master Edward S. Dana presided, nine subordinate councils represented, five not represented. The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address.

He refers very eloquently and with much feeling to the death of Companion Harvy Munsel, who died April 11th, 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. For fifty years he had been honored with important positions of public trust, had been a member of the General Assembly of his State, and was Judge of Probate for thirty-four years. He was Master of a Lodge from 1828 to 1866, and during the "Flood" of Anti-Masonry held its charter safely in his keeping. The Council of his native town was named after him. He was buried with Masonic honors,

A memorial page in the proceedings is set apart to his memory.

The Grand Master closes his address in the following expressive language:

"My Companions: For twelve long years I have presided over your deliberations, and during this period of protracted service, I have been continually cheered and strengthened in every duty by your flattering expressions of confidence and most generous support. My heart goes out to-day to you, and those who have preceded you in grateful benediction, and with the hope that time in his relentless flight may call his choicest garlands to decorate your pathway down the delevities of Life.

Gathered about these recurring scenes of our festal days are many of the fondest recollections of the waning years, and now the hour has struck, when, as to our official relations, I must speak that saddest of all words—Farewell! Yet even this may be softened in its tone by the cheerful reflection that we may yet often meet upon our lengthening pilgrimage, and together take up our trusty trowels as a work of love, while we strive to dignify our profession so that its increasing and beneficent influences may lend consolation to our faithful craftsmen, and scatter blessings on the race."

The report on Correspondence is by Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, the Grand Recorder. He briefly and courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, our own for some cause not having reached him.

In conclusion he says:

"In reviewing these proceedings our time has been pleasantly spent, and we are only sorry we cannot more fully impart to you the pleasure we enjoyed. Having read the proceedings of the several Grand Councils for years, they seem like letters from an old friend. The wise counsels, the harmonious expressions, and the tender sympathy in many of them, are precious to the weary workmen in the S. V.

To our friends, the Reporters of other jurisdictions, we say we are glad to have had the pleasure of saying a word to you and about you, and hope we have in the short story told of each of you, said nothing to offend.

"We are happy to read the brave, manly utterances of those who feel called upon to admonish the Companions who forget their high calling, and trust that the words of wisdom so fitly spoken will bring forth good fruit. We agree with those who question the wisdom of a General Grand Council, and we hope the Grand Encampment will do itself the credit to perfect the chain of Masonic bodies, and thus give life to the Cryptic degrees."

Companion Albert Conkling Hubbell, of Bennington, was elected Grand Master, and Companion William H. S. Whitcomb was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Vermont, like ~~most~~ other Grand Councils, is very anxious that the Council degrees should be made prerequisite to those of knighthood. Let us wait two years longer; be strong, yet patient. "The fault is not in our stars, but in *ourselves* that we are underlings."

VERMONT—1877.

A fine specimen of work is sent us from this Grand Council by way of proceedings for 1877.

Grand Council assembled at Burlington, June 12th, 1877, Companion Albert Conkling Hubbell M.: I.: Grand Master, presided. Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, but with a few exceptions it refers to local matters. He is one of those that are anxious that the Cryptic degrees shall be made prerequisite to the Chivalric. He gives a table showing that in age the Cryptic outrank the Chivalric. It is similar to that of Companion Drummond which we quoted. He feelingly refers to the death of "one of the pillars in Masonry" in that state, Companion John Bacon 2d, who died at his home in St. Johnsbury Centre, August 11th, 1876, at the age of 63 years.

Companion Whitcomb submitted a brief but good report on correspondence, in which he courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils—our own for some reason not included.

In his conclusion he very truthfully says :

"We do think, if you would allow your Committee to furnish a Report once in three years, say the same years, that the General Chapter and Grand Encampment meet, and allow the Reporter a reasonable amount for the work, and print all he writes, instead of compelling him to boil down to ten or fifteen pages, you would not waste your money."

While we should be sorry to be obliged to wait three years for a Report from the committee of which Companion Whitcomb is chairman, yet we think with him that we might just as well have no report at all as to compel the Committee to conclude a Report of thirty-three Grand Councils into the space of from ten to fifteen pages in the proceedings.

Companion Hubbell was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion William H. S. Whitcomb was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1878.

Alas! "How are the mighty fallen!" We are called upon to mourn the loss of another Grand Council. In the language of Companion Woodhull, "Wisconsin has 'gone out,' 'vamoosed,' 'slunk,' 'dispersed, and as a Grand Council got completely confiscated,' 'Sold at a low price and wilted.)"

Companion Woodhull last year did not want to go to that dear "Bosom," but went after all.

"He vowed that he would ne'er consent—consented."

The Grand Council assembled at Milwaukee, February 18th, 1878. The address of the Grand Master, James L. Bridge, was a recommendation to give up the Grand Council and turn the degrees over to the Grand Chapter. ~~It was so~~ agreed by the Grand Council, and so it was "Snuffed out." Mississippi and Illinois over again.

In our opinion our Wisconsin companions have "Strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel."

CONCLUSION.

The condition of Cryptic Masonry is becoming better understood, and the Companions begin to awake to the true situation, and to "Look a leetle out" for the future. The Mississippi scheme is not going to win. It has done all the mischief it can do, and a reaction is taking place which will save the patient despite the doctor's experiments. The majority of the Companions have wisely concluded that they don't want to be orphans—they don't want to be nursed by a stepmother.

Were we to advise, we would modestly suggest that Cryptic Masonry depends very much upon its officers, and would admonish all Grand and subordinate Councils to be very cautious whom they promote to such positions. We would say, don't elect to such prominent positions in the Council those who are already burdened with positions in the Lodge, the Chapter, or Commandery. Elect Companions who will make the Council a specialty, and who can and will do their whole duty. We would also say, select those who do not desire to hold office for the honor of it, or for what money they may think there is in it; "For there's where you'll make a mistake." For it is true, and we can't deny it, that most every Grand body in Masonry has its "Barnacles", who seek for position for honor and for pay. While we believe the "Laborer is worthy of his hire," yet we are sorry to say that there are some who seem to stand high in the Order, who look wise and say wise things, who when solicited to assist in the promulgation of Cryptic Masonry, will excuse themselves because, as they say, "there ain't any money in it." Now, we don't want such Masons. We are better off without them. It is such that sap the very life blood of the Order.

Then let us be very cautious whom we select for officers, and let us be very cautious whom we admit to Companionship in the secret vault. There is more danger of admitting too many than too few. Let us not be too anxious about numbers, but look well to it that those who pass the sleeping sentinel are "just, right and true," and are ready and willing to labor faithfully, devotedly and continually for the honor and wages due to a good and worthy Royal and Select Master.

We are not among those that have fears for the future of Cryptic Masonry. It may shrink in numbers. Some may desert the ship, and strive to get aboard some other craft. Some may be indifferent and fall back and wait for "something to turn up," but we shall have enough good men and true, who have strong faith, who will work with might, mind and strength, and who will overcome and crowd all obstacles out of the way, and who will press on to conquer until "The last shall be first," and Cryptic Masonry hold up its head as equal if not superior to ancient Craft, Capitular or Chivalric. We don't care to be made pre-requisite, yet we don't see any good reason why we should not be. We don't want to go to that "Dear Bosom," we only desire to be let alone, and left to rely on our own merits, on the beautiful teachings of the secret vault, surpassed by none, and equalled by few of all the degrees from Ancient Craft up.

We like all the degrees, and would not say a word or syllable to deprecate or destroy any, but we can't and won't submit to see the "choicest and the best" cast aside in the rubbish to be a sort of adoptive,—side, step, or what you will,—degrees, without our solemn protest, disapproval and condemnation.

SUMMED UP.

Well, we've swung around the circle, a pleasant trip its been,
Both pleasing tales we've listened to, and pleasant sights we've seen ;
Yet we've been amazed and wondered why any Council can,
Endorse and finally adopt "The Mississippi Plan."

Way down in Alabama, as the rocks of ages are,
We find as firm and stable, the brave Companion Sayre ;
He rises in his majesty, with bold and steady hand,
Puts his seal of condemnation on "The Mississippi Plan."

But Arkansas got tired out, and couldn't longer wait.
And California stranded e'en at the "Golden Gate ;"
And so two gallant barks went down, to save stood not a man,
And all on board were swallowed in "The Mississippi Plan."

Connecticut and Florida "The Blonde and the Brunette,"
One firmer than her rocks and hills, the other firmer yet,
They never will "Give up the ship," but stand up to a man,
And e'er oppose with mind and might "The Mississippi Plan."

What do we hear from Illinois? Believe it, ah, we must,
With her *sixty-one starred banner*, now tralling in the dust ;
In her leader, as it has been said, was found the only man,
Who had *nerve* to lead her over to "The Mississippi plan."

"All right," from Indiana, firm as the rock and hill.
She never can be shaken, while Austin shoves the quill,
For he can keep her steady, "If anybody can,"
And save her from the breakers of "The Mississippi Plan."

Iowa seems to be in doubt, while Kansas is "*true grit*,"
Wont go to that dear "Bosom," no "Nary a yearn for it ;"
And Louisiana turns with scorn her back on any man
Who ventures to be hailing from "The Mississippi Plan."

Malne, with her Drummond at the wheel, will never go astray,
And Maryland will e'er keep on within the good old way,
While Massachusetts has St. John, and Noble, Michigan,
There'll be no mincing matters with "The Mississippi Plan."

What shall we say of Minnie. "L'Etolle du Nord,"
Tho' modest in our pledges, we can but vouch for her,
Then let the word be sounded from "Beer-sheba to Dan,"
She *never*, NEVER will accept "The Mississippi Plan."

Don't tremble for Missouri, as one of friends bereft,
Tho' George Frank Gouley is no more, she has some fratres left.
Who love our noble Order, and will do the best they can
To keep her bark from drifting to "The Mississippi Plan."

New Hampshire and New Jersey "upon the goose are sound,"
The Empire State for constancy, has ever been renowned ;
Her Hudson and Her Osgoodby stand foremost in the van ;
And don't propose to recognize "The Mississippi Plan."

Nebraska, "little four-year old," and promising at that,
Would fain get on her dignity, put out her lips and pout,
And wish that she were old enough to talk out like a man.
Then she either would or wouldn't take "The Mississippi Plan."

And North Carolina too has gone ! O, Nichols ! where was he?
Had he no voice to cry aloud? Had he no eyes to see?
Or was he stricken dumb and blind? O, poor heart-broken man !
He felt, but hadn't strength to fight "The Mississippi Plan."

Our sister "o'er the border" may laugh at our expense,
"She's not one cent for tribute, but millions for defense."
She can't contrive how it can be that any council can
Be anxious for a union on "The Mississippi Plan."

Ohio, mighty in her strength, and Pennsylvania too,
Dispensing what they only know to be "just, right and true."
Come forward in their dignity, and quick proclaim the ban,
Forbidding all "sweet converse" on "The Mississippi Plan."

South Carolina and Rhode Island, Vermont and Tennessee.
"No East, no West, no North, no South;" to that they all agree ;
One country and one people, they altogether stand.
But they don't stand undivided on "The Mississippi Plan."

O, Woodhull ! O, Wisconsin ! 'Tis hard to give you up ;
'Tis hard to be obliged to drink from such a bitter cup.
But we will try and take it, and stand it like a man,
And say "Good bye, companions," on "The Mississippi Plan."

GROVE B. COOLEY, CHAIRMAN,
For the Committee.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This Grand Council shall be designated The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota.

GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The Officers of this Grand Council shall be

1. The Most Illustrious Grand Master.
2. The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
4. The Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer.
5. The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

Who shall be severally elected by ballot at the annual assembly of the Grand Council.

6. The Grand Captain of the Guard.
7. The Grand Conductor of the Council.
8. The Grand Chaplain.
9. The Grand Marshal.
10. The Grand Steward.
11. The Grand Sentinel.

Who shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall consist of the Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, and the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Right Illustrious Masters and Principal Conductors of the Work of Subordinate Councils.

ASSEMBLIES.

SEC. 4. The Grand Council shall hold a stated assembly annually, at such time and place as the Grand Council may direct.

OATH OF OFFICE.

SEC. 5. I, A. B., do promise and declare, that I will support and maintain the General Regulations of Councils of Select Masters, and the Constitution of the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 6. No Illustrious Companion shall be eligible to either of the first three offices, who has not presided as Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council.

POWERS.

SEC. 7. The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several subordinate Councils in this State, and be invested with power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle the controversies that may arise between them. Also, to grant Charters, constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Minnesota, and Territories where there is no Grand Council.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

SEC. 8. The Grand Officers shall adopt suitable measures for diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures of the Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters' Degrees, and secure uniformity in the several subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

DISPENSATION.

SEC. 10. No dispensation shall be granted for the institution of a new Council but upon the petition of nine regular Select Masters, which petition shall be accompanied with a recommendation from the Chartered Council nearest the place where the new Council is to be located.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 11. On the first day of each Annual Assembly, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees of three each, viz:

- On Credentials.
- On Address of Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- On Transcripts of Councils under Dispensation.
- On Returns of Chartered Councils.
- On Appeals and Grievances.

On Finance.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

On Foreign Correspondence.

DEGREES.

SEC. 12. No Council shall confer the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry on any person who has not regularly received in a constitutional manner the Degree of Royal Arch.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 9. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, and in his absence from the State, the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, shall have the power and authority, when they shall deem it expedient for the good of Cryptic Masonry, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and seal of the Grand Council, to a competent number of petitioners, empowering them to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a period in no event to extend beyond the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. *Provided*, that the fees thereof shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. The fee for Dispensation shall be twenty dollars, and in case a Charter be granted at the next Assembly of the Grand Council, it shall be upon the further sum of five dollars, three of which shall go to the Grand Recorder, for his services in executing the same.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. Each Grand Officer shall perform his duty according to ancient established usages, and the provisions of this Constitution and the Regulations of this Grand Council.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 14. Petitions for the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be in writing, and shall lie over at least one month for consideration, unless by a unanimous vote it is decided to act upon it *instanter*.

FEEs.

SEC. 15. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than ten dollars.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 16. Subordinate Councils shall hold their elections annually, on the stated meeting on or before the 27th day of December, and such officers so elected shall be installed as soon as convenient.

SEC. 17. Councils under dispensations shall be required to adopt the By-Laws prescribed by the Grand Council ; and the same are recommended to Councils working under Charters, that uniformity may exist throughout the jurisdiction.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SEC. 18. All suspensions and expulsions by the subordinate councils shall be by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; and all restorations of suspended members shall be by an unanimous vote on petition, which shall take the same course as for membership.

SEC. 19. The Grand Recorder shall annually publish a list of all suspensions and expulsions by the subordinate councils under his jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of:

1. Thrice Illustrious Master.
2. Right Illustrious Master.
3. Principal Conductor of the Work.
4. Captain of the Guard.
5. Conductor of the Council.
6. Treasurer.
7. Recorder.
8. Steward.
9. Sentinel.

And as many members as may be found convenient for working together; and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 2. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters under this jurisdiction, shall be represented by their Thrice Illustrious Masters, Right Illustrious Master and Principal Conductor of the work, or either of them, in person or their respective proxies, at every Assembly of the Grand Council. The proxy of the Thrice Illustrious Master must be equal in rank with himself. The representatives of each Council shall be entitled to three votes.

RETURNS.

SEC. 3. Every Council shall at each Annual Assembly make a return of the names, number, location, and time of stated meetings, with a list of officers and members; of the degrees conferred; Companions admitted, died, suspended, or expelled; in accordance with the form furnished from the office of the Grand Recorder, duly certified and attested.

DUES.

SEC. 4. The several Councils under this jurisdiction shall pay for the support thereof, to the Grand Council annually, the sum of one dollar for each Select Master's degree conferred by them during the past year. And no representative shall take his seat in Grand Council until his Council shall have complied with the provisions of this as well as section three.

FORFEITURES.

SEC. 5. If any council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall fail to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, shall forfeit to the use of the Grand Council its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary and all other property of every description.

TRANSCRIPTS.

SEC. 6. A Council under dispensation at the close of its period shall furnish the Grand Council a "Transcript" of its work and labor, of its meetings, who presided, number of members present, and degrees conferred.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. There can be but twenty-seven employed at the reception of a candidate. If there be any more, they must sit as visiting companions.


SEC. 2. No article or section of this Constitution shall be altered or amended except at an annual assembly of the Grand Council, and then only by a two-third's vote of the members present at the Grand Council.

Attest:

GROVE B. COOLEY,
Grand Recorder.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA.
1878.

GEO. W. COOLEY, M.: I.: G.: M.:	- - -	Minneapolis.
G. W. MERRILL, R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:	- - -	St. Paul.
ED. McDERMOTT, R.: I.: G.: P.: C.: of the W.:		Minneapolis.
WM. A. SPAULDING, R.: I.: G.: Treasurer,	-	Minneapolis.
GROVE B. COOLEY, R.: I.: G.: Recorder,	- -	Minneapolis.
S. J. WILLARD, G.: C.: of G.:	- - -	Red Wing.
D. M. BALDWIN, G.: C.: of C.:	- - - -	Red Wing.
I. S. KELLOGG, G.: M.:	- - - - -	Red Wing.
FRED. L. SMITH, G.: Steward,	- - - -	Minneapolis.
HARRY BURMINGHAM, G.: Sentinel,	- - - -	St. Paul.

 The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 14th day of October, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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OF
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OF THE
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AT ITS
TENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,
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TENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council assembled at the Masonic Hall in the city of St. Paul, on Wednesday, October 13th, A. D. 1879, A. S. Dep. S. 2879, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m.

PRESENT.

Companion GEO. W. COOLEY, M. S. I. S. Grand Master.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, R. S. I. S. D. S. Grand Master.
Companion ED. McDERMOTT, R. S. I. S. G. S. P. S. C. S. of W. S.
Companion WM. A. SPAULDING, Grand Treasurer.
Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, Grand Recorder.
Companion C. HENRY BENTON, as G. S. C. S. of G. S.
Companion S. B. FOOTE, as G. S. C. S. of C. S.
Companion E. G. COVINGTON, as G. S. Steward.
Companion HARRY BIRMINGHAM, Grand Sentinel.

Together with representatives of the following Councils, to wit:

St. Paul, No. 1.
 Minneapolis, No. 2.
 Tyrian, No. 4.
 Adoniram, No. 5.

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE form.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES:

On Credentials—Companions S. B. Foote, Wm. A. Spaulding, and C. Henry Benton.

On Grand Master's Address—Companions G. W. Merrill, C. Henry Benton, and S. B. Foote.

On Returns—Companions Ed. McDermott, J. R. Everard, and Wm. A. Spaulding.

On Finance—Companions Ed. McDermott, G. W. Merrill, and C. Henry Benton.

On Jurisprudence—Companions Grove B. Cooley, C. Henry Benton, and G. W. Merrill.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Grove B. Cooley, C. Henry Benton, and J. R. Everard.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report; which was accepted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials have performed the duty assigned them, and find the following Companions entitled to seats in this grand body:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Geo. W. Cooley,	.	.	.	.	M. I. Grand Master.
G. W. Merrill,	.	.	.	.	R. I. D. G. M.
Ed. McDermott,	.	.	.	.	R. I. P. C. of the W.
Wm. A. Spaulding,	.	.	.	.	Grand Treasurer.
Grove B. Cooley,	.	.	.	.	Grand Recorder,
Harry Birmingham,	.	.	.	.	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Wm. S. Combs, Past M.: I.: G.: M.:
 H. L. Carver, Past R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
 Charles Shandrew, Past R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:
 B. F. Wright, Past Grand Recorder.
 Theodore Burkhard, Past Grand Recorder.
 E. G. Covington, Past G.: C.: of the G.:

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Paul, No. 1, H. L. Carver, T.: I.: M.:
 Minneapolis, No. 2, John R. Everard, proxy for T.: I.: M.:
 Tyrian, No. 4, S. B. Foote, R.: I.: M.:
 Adoniram, No. 5, C. H. Benton, proxy for R.: I.: M.:

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. FOOTE,
 WM. A. SPAULDING,
 C. H. BENTON.
 Committee.

Companion Ed. McDermott offered the following resolution; which was adopted.

Resolved, That all Companions, Royal and Select Masters in good standing, are hereby invited to seats in this Grand Council as visitors.

On motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, the reading of the minutes of the last annual assembly was dispensed with.

Companion Geo. W. Cooley, Most Illustrious Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Although a decade of years has hardly passed since the Royal and Select Masters of this State began to assist in the work so happily begun by our predecessors, yet it is proper that at this, our tenth assembly, while we gather with thankful hearts around our sacred altar, we should review the proceedings of our past assemblies, and trace our history from its origin to the present time.

On the 12th day of December, 1870, St. Paul Council No. 11, Minneapolis Council No. 15, and Rochester Council No. 16, under the jurisdiction of Iowa, met at St. Paul and organized a Grand Council, taking the numbers respectively, 1, 2, 3. The convention consisted of the representative of these three councils, with Companion A. E. Ames as President, and Wm. S. Combs as Secretary. The committee appointed for the purpose, prepared and reported a constitution

for the government of the Grand and Subordinate Councils, which was adopted, and Companion I. C. Terry elected our First Grand Master.

The second assembly was held the next month, January 11th, 1871, with a full representation, and Companion A. E. Ames, deceased, elected Grand Master.

At the following assembly, held January 9th, 1872, Tyrian Council No. 4, was chartered, and the work progressed favorably, though no new councils were added until January 11th, 1876, when a charter was granted to Adoniram Council No. 5, at East Minneapolis. Our councils, however, remained the same in number, for Rochester Council, No 3, having worked a forfeiture of its charter, was suspended.

Our membership has increased from 51 at the time of organization, to 230 as given at date of last report.

During a portion of our history, in common with other masonic bodies, we have experienced a period of depression peculiarly incident to the cryptic rite; but never has there been observed any inclination to abandon the degrees, or to unite with any other body. Steadily has the order continued to grow, and the uniform purpose of mind to uphold and maintain it, that exists in our subordinate bodies, is good evidence that the labors of our predecessors have not been in vain.

Prior to 1876, no report on foreign correspondence was made, but at that time, and the two subsequent assemblies, the chairman of that committee submitted excellent reports, which were printed with the proceedings.

The direct result of that correspondence has been to secure for this body the reputation of being thoroughly wide awake, and warmly attached to the rite; a reputation which I hope we will continue to merit.

The system of representatives was adopted at the fifth assembly, held January 14th, 1874, but it was not until the latter part of 1876, that an actual exchange was made; an act of fraternal courtesy, which, while it costs nothing, and can possibly do no harm, recommends itself for the convenience through which matters in controversy between Grand Councils may be arranged, and unites in closer intimacy the sister jurisdictions.

The only case of discipline ever brought before us was the suspension of the reputed master of Rochester Council, No. 3, a full account of which appears in the records.

In regard to our past financial condition, it is proper here to state, that while no provision has been made for any fund beyond enough to pay our expenses, we are practically out of debt, and realize enough at each assembly to pay our expenses, while, with an assessment of from 25 to 50 cents on our membership, we have been enabled to issue each year, a neat volume of our proceedings. ~~and~~

Our revenue being but one dollar on each companion who has passed the Circle, the latter is a necessity, and I believe the most equitable manner of securing what sum is necessary.

Such in brief is our history, and considering the number of Cryptic wrecks afloat on the sea of Masonry with signals of distress waved to the nearest Capitular Craft, I again congratulate you upon the result of your labors.

DECISIONS.

Although no questions have been referred to me during the past year, yet in view of the fact that many visitors from other jurisdictions were among us, I issued to the different Subordinate councils a circular letter, defining the status of certain companions, and giving instructions in regard to their reception. The instructions were based on your action at the last assembly.

Following is a copy of the circular:

GRAND COUNCIL, R. AND S. M., }
STATE OF MINNESOTA. }
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JAN. 24th, 1879.

For the instruction of subordinate councils in this jurisdiction, I transmit the following decisions in regard to recognizing visitors hailing from those States in which the Councils have merged into the chapter.

1st. Any companion who has regularly received the degrees in a council of Royal and Select Masters, not under the jurisdiction of a Chapter, is entitled to the right of visitation, upon sufficient avouchment and evidence of good standing, even though the Council of which he is a member has since united with the Chapter.

2nd. Any companion hailing from a State in which the Councils have been merged into the Chapter, and applying for affiliation, must, if he received the degrees under the sanction of a Chapter Warrant, be healed before being received as a member of any Subordinate Council in this jurisdiction, and his petition must state the manner in which he received the degrees.

3d. A companion who has received the degrees as above set forth, cannot be admitted as a visitor.

4th. Any Subordinate Council in which an application for affiliation is received, from a companion who has regularly received the degrees, in a State in which the Councils and Chapters have united, before such union, may receive the application without a demit, upon applying to the Grand Master for a dispensation.

5th. A demit given to a Royal and Select Master under the sanction of a Chapter Warrant, or by a Council acting under such warrant, cannot be recognized by Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
Grand Master.

The above are based on what I consider our true position in regard to the so-called Mississippi plan, as defined by your action at the last assembly.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Among the Grand Councils that have unwisely considered the scheme of merging the Council degrees into the Chapter, are the following: Mississippi,

Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Arkansas. California has already taken steps toward the union, but awaits the action of the General Grand Chapter. Nebraska has adopted the plan, but there still exists in that State a spirit of discontent with the action taken, and a probability that a return to their cryptic allegiance will soon be in order.

Texas united with the chapter in 1865, and Virginia in 1841.

North and South Carolina have also taken the preliminary steps, but will await the action of the General Grand Chapter.

At the last assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio, a resolution was introduced and adopted, instructing Subordinate Councils to render an expression of their views on the subject, so that the Grand Council may consider them at its next assembly, which takes place on the 16th of the present month. I have no doubt, however, that the verdict there will be strongly in favor of independence.

The action of these Grand Councils can be traced to the following causes: First, and principally, the fact that the degrees are not prerequisite to the chivalric orders. Second, an idea that there are too many separate organizations, and a belief that the interests of cryptic masonry will be advanced, and, Third, a lack of interest in the rite.

But the question still remains, Are these degrees, even now, a prerequisite in the above States?

As the Subordinate Commanderies have nothing whatever to do with the Chapter, an application would be received from a Chapter Mason, whether he had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master or not. And as some Royal Arch Masons have and some have not received them, it must inevitably lead to confusion, except in jurisdictions, which, like our own, refuses to recognize such work. And the conferring of a degree in any masonic body, upon a candidate who will be considered clandestine in three-fourths of the States, is an injustice and a deception, which is not defended or sustained by any of the teachings of the order.

If there is a lack of interest manifested at any time in any masonic body, and there appears no disposition to revive it, then the best plan is to let it rest for a while, and not attempt to force it into a temporary activity which will be surely and speedily followed by a relapse more demoralizing than the original complaint. By what method of reasoning the advocates of the consolidation scheme attempt to reconcile their action with the obligations of Cryptic Masons I cannot conjecture. It has occurred to me that to assist, even by the presence, in the conferring of a degree in any other place than a duly constituted Council, was contrary to the rules.

Again; what is to hinder this or any other Grand Council from organizing Subordinate Councils in Wisconsin or Iowa? I do not apprehend any such proceeding, but you will observe the many ways in which confusion may be introduced into the craft by this short-sighted policy of consolidation. But I believe sufficient has been said on this subject. The Grand Council has unanimously condemned the plan; the Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have expended their time and ability in contesting it, and

propose to continue the fight for Cryptic Masonry, just as long as twenty-seven Cryptic Masons in the State are satisfied with the present condition of the rite.

Our Councils are, I believe, all in good working order. My business having required my absence from town during a great portion of the year, I have made fewer visits than usual, but with the officers who now control them, you will be satisfied of their well being.

DECEASED COMPANIONS.

Companion Harvey Walter, the principal and eloquent advocate of the Mississippi plan, died at Holly Springs, of yellow fever, Sept. 19th, 1878, aged 60 years. The excellent record left by this Illustrious Companion, as a man, a Mason and a scholar, is a better tribute to his memory than the eulogies of his sorrowing friends and brethren.

Major Wm. Morrill, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida, died June 6, 1879, aged 73. Companion Morrill was one of the most earnest workers in the order, and it was due to his exertions mainly that the Grand Council of Florida, after several years of inactivity, reopened its Crypts, and set the craft to work. As a result of his labors, that Grand Council is one of the most eminent advocates and stringent adherents of our beautiful order. In our own jurisdiction our numbers are complete and the reaper is waiting for the harvest.

There are few matters requiring your special attention at this assembly. I would recommend that the proceedings be published as usual, and that memorial pages be set apart to the memory of our deceased companions. Also that you instruct the Grand Master to assist in calling a convention of Grand Councils, to meet at Detroit next year, at the same time as the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to further consider the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and to oppose the consolidation scheme in that body. The representatives to the convention should be companions who are entitled to vote in the General Grand Chapter.

There are several subjects pertaining to the regulation and good government of Subordinate Councils, and the welfare of our order, to which I also desire to call your attention. In the management of Councils, as well as all other Masonic bodies, so much depends upon the officers that I cannot help urging upon you to secure for the important positions those members who will devote their time and ability to the proper fulfillment of their trust. Do not elect a companion to an important office unless he is capable of filling it. The theory of rotation in office, and gradual advancement, is a very good one, provided the companion is qualified, but to place one in the East, or any other coveted and responsible position, only because he has served in an inferior office, when you have reason to believe he is not fitted for it, is alike an injury to him and the council. By electing to the position of Master an incompetent companion merely as a compliment, is as unjust as it is unwise, and has been one of the principal causes of the delay in the advancement of the Rite. A companion who accepts an office, should only do so with the understanding that he intends to work, and

fill the position with honor to himself and credit to his Council. I feel that I cannot too forcibly urge this point, especially in regard to the principal officer, for when in his hands you place the emblem of authority, you give him the power to make your Council what it should be, or to destroy the interest that is so essential to its welfare. But although he has this power he must be sustained. After the night of election every companion should consider it his duty to be present as often as he can and assist in the work. If every member of a Council, whose business will permit, would be present one evening every two or three months, there would be plenty of support, and little danger of lacking a quorum.

The proceedings of the Grand Council should be read in Subordinate Councils until the members are fully acquainted with the condition of the order, and the actions of the Grand Body. This I fear has not been done in some cases, and I mention it, in hopes that the suggestion will be acted upon during the coming year. The Recorder of Subordinate Councils should also submit to the Grand Recorder, immediately after election, a full list of the names of officers elected, in order that he may communicate direct with them when he is required to do so.

And, now, companions, having completed my third term as Grand Master, I desire to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the valued assistance you have rendered me, and the willing responses you have made to my requests. Having at heart the best interests of our beautiful order, it has been my policy to adopt such a course as would produce the best results; and if we have not attained that degree of excellence which might have been expected, I hope you will attribute my shortcomings not to a lack of interest in the rite, but to inability to fill in a more acceptable manner the high trust you have reposed in me; and assuring you of my hearty support in all matters concerning the welfare of the order, I return to you the authority with which I have been so liberally invested.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
M. I. Grand Master.

On motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, the Grand Master's address was referred to the proper committees, for subdivision and reference.

The Committee on Grand Master's address submitted the following report; which was adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of Minnesota, now in session:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for subdivision and reference, respectfully report as follows:

That so much and such parts thereof as relates to the decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence;

That so much and such parts thereof as refers to the general condition of the Order and to the matter of representation of this Grand Council at Detroit, be also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence;

That so much thereof as refers to the memory of deceased Companions be referred to a special committee of three;

That so much as relates to the regulation and good government of Subordinate Councils, as well as the residue of the address, be referred to a special committee of three.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. MERRILL,
C. H. BENTON,
S. B. FOOTE.

Committee.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed the following special committees, to wit:

On that portion of address relating to deceased Companions, C. Henry Benton, John R. Everard and Grove B. Cooley.

On that portion of the address relating to the regulation and good government of Subordinate Councils, as well as the residue of the address, Companions J. L. Carver, Ed. McDermott, and Wm. A. Spaulding.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment, until half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 7½ o'clock p. m.; same officers present.

The special committee appointed on the Memory of Deceased Companions, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, as relates to the memory of our deceased Companions, beg leave to report:

That they fully approve and endorse the eloquent tribute to their memory, paid them by our Most Illustrious Grand Master. Truly, the works of such men live after them.

And your committee further recommend that a memorial page upon our records be devoted to the memory of each of the Illustrious Companions whose loss we now mourn.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. BENTON,
JOHN R. EVERARD,
GROVE B. COOLEY.

Committee.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report; which was unanimously adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, respectfully report:

That after a careful consideration of the same, your committee fully concur with the position taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in his circular issued to Subordinate Councils, in regard to the recognition of visitors hailing from jurisdictions in which the Councils have been merged into the Royal Arch Chapter.

If, indeed, those who receive the degrees in the bosom of the Chapter are illegitimate, as we believe them to be, then, as a matter of course, they are not the lawful heirs to the mysteries of the Secret Vault, and we cannot receive and acknowledge them as such.

Your committee believe the decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master are based upon sound masonic doctrine and the best interests of the Cryptic Rite; we do, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That any Companion who has regularly received the degrees in a Council of Royal and Select Masters not under the jurisdiction of a Chapter, is entitled to the right of visitation, upon a sufficient vouchment and evidence of good standing, even though the Council of which he is a member has since united with the Chapter.

Resolved, That any Companion hailing from a State in which the Councils have been merged into the Chapters, and applying for affiliation, must, if he received the degrees under the sanction of a Chapter warrant, be healed before being received as a member of any Subordinate Council in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That any Subordinate Council in which an application for affiliation is received from a Companion who has regularly received the degrees in a jurisdiction in which the Council and Chapter have united, before such union, may receive the application without a dimit, upon applying to the Grand Master for a dispensation.

Resolved, That a dimit given to a Royal and Select Master, under the sanction of a Chapter warrant, or by a Council acting under such warrant, cannot be recognized by Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
G. W. MERRILL,
C. HENRY BENTON.
Committee.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report; which was, on motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, ordered printed in the proceedings.

Companion H. L. Carver, chairman of the Committee on that portion of the Grand Master's address in relation to the regulation and government of Subordinate Councils, as well as the residue of the address, submitted his report, as follows; which was adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, now in session:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in relation to the regulation and government of Subordinate Councils, report;

That we fully concur in the sentiments expressed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and recommend their observance to all Subordinate Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction. And the residue of the address fully meets our approval.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. CARVER,
ED. McDERMOTT,
WM. A. SPAULDING.
Committee.

Companion Ed. McDermott offered the following resolution; which was adopted.

Resolved, That an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita be made upon each Subordinate Council in the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, to defray the expenses of printing the proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of exemplifying the work in St. Paul Council No. 1; which was done in a manner very satisfactory to the Companions,

by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, assisted by Companions S. B. Foote, Wm. A. Spaulding, Ed. McDermott, C. Henry Benton, and others.

The Grand Council was then called from refreshment to labor; same officers as before.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report; which was adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address relating to the general condition of the Order, beg leave to report that the views of your committee fully accord with the sentiments expressed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master in that portion of his address.

Respectfully submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,
C. HENRY BENTON,
G. W. MERRILL.

Committee.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, from the same committee, submitted the following report; which was adopted.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address relating to the calling of a convention of Grand Councils at Detroit, in 1880, at the same time of the convening of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the representation of this Grand Council at such convention, in case one is called, would respectfully report;

That your committee fully agree with the Most Illustrious Grand Master in that regard, and would therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Council are in favor of such a convention, believing it would be for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry, and that great good will result therefrom.

Resolved, That this Grand Council recommend the Most Illustrious Grand Master to use his influence to bring about the calling of such a convention.

Resolved, That in case such a convention is called, the Most Illustrious Grand Master is authorized to represent this Grand Council in the same, if reasonably within his power; otherwise that he give his proxy to some other Grand

officer of this Grand body, who will attend; and that such representative use his best efforts and influence in opposition to the so-called "Mississippi Plan."

Respectfully submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,
G. W. MERRILL,
C. HENRY BENTON.

Committee.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder then presented their annual financial statements; which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. A. SPAULDING, *Grand Treasurer, In account with Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:*

Oct. 8, 1878.	Received of P.: G.: Recorder (Burkhard).....	\$21 00
Nov. 18.	" Received of Grand Recorder.....	17 25
Dec. 18,	" Received of Grand Recorder.....	21 75
Oct. 11,	" Received of Grand Recorder... ..	9 00
Oct. 13,	" Received of Grand Recorder.....	7 00
		<u>\$76.00</u>

Disbursements.

Oct. 8. 1878.	Paid order to Comp. Burkhard.....	\$2 75
Oct. 9,	" Paid order to Grand Master.....	6 75
Oct. 29,	" Paid order to Grand Master... ..	5 00
Nov. 19,	" Paid order to J. S. & H., printing Procd'gs	17 24
Dec. 18,	" Paid order to J. S. & H., " "	21 75
		<u>53 50</u>

Leaving balance in Grand Treasury..... \$22 50

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SPAULDING,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

GROVE B. COOLEY, *Grand Recorder, In account with Grand Council.*

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Nov. 18, 1878.	For assessment of Minneapolis Council, No. 2. . . .	\$17 25
Dec. 18, "	For assessment of Tyrian, No. 4.	12 25
Dec. 18, "	For assessment of Adoniram, No. 5.	9 50
Dec. 18, "	For postage of Grand Master.	5 00
Oct. 11, 1879.	For dues of Minneapolis, No. 2.	8 00
Oct. 10, "	For dues of Tyrian, No. 4.	1 00
Oct. 13, "	For dues of Adoniram, No. 5.	3 00
Oct. 13, "	For dues of St. Paul, No. 1	4 00
Total		<u>\$60 00</u>

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Nov. 18, 1878.	By paid Grand Treasurer.	\$17 25
Dec. 18, "	By paid Grand Treasurer.	21 75
Oct. 11, 1879.	By paid Grand Treasurer.	9 00
Oct. 13, "	By paid Grand Treasurer.	7 00
	By paid postage during year.	8 75
		<u>63 75</u>
Balance due Grand Recorder.		\$3 75
Respectfully submitted,		
GROVE B. COOLEY,		
Grand Recorder.		

The Finance Committee then submitted their report; which was adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report;

That they have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct.

We find the receipts of the Grand Council for the year, 1879 at. . . \$76 00
Disbursements during the year 53 50

Leaving a balance of. \$22 50

Your committee find the indebtedness of the Grand Council to be as follows:
Balance due Johnson, Smith & Harrison for printing Proceedings and letter heads. \$46 80

Balance due Grand Recorder. 3 75

Total. \$50 55

We find that there is due from the St. Paul Council, No. 1. for assessments for 1877, \$37.00; for 1878, \$18.50. Total \$55.50.

We have assurances from St. Paul Council, No. 1, that this indebtedness will very soon be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. McDERMOTT,
G. W. MERRILL,
C. HENRY BENTON.
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

Comp. Geo. W. Cooley.....	M.: I.: G.: Master.
" G. W. Merrill.....	R.: I.: D.: G.: Master.
" Ed. McDermott.....	R.: I.: P.: C.: of the W.:
" William A. Spaulding.....	Grand Treasurer.
" Grove B. Cooley.....	Grand Recorder.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then announced the following appointments of officers, to wit:

Comp. C. Henry Benton.....	Grand C.: of G.:
" S. B. Foote.....	Grand C.: of C.:
" S. I. Willard.....	Grand M.:
" S. G. Covington.....	Grand Chaplain.
" H. M. Kent.....	Grand Steward.
" Harry Burmingham.....	Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Returns then submitted their report; which was adopted.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session :

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils, respectfully report;

That they have examined the returns of St. Paul, No. 1, Minneapolis, No. 2, Tyrian, No. 4, and Adoniram, No. 5; and find the same correct.

WORK DONE.

St. Paul, No. 1.....	Passed the Circle.	4
Minneapolis, No. 2....	" "	8
Tyrian, No. 4.....	" "	1
Adoniram, No. 5.....	" "	3
Total.....		16

Respectfully submitted,

ED. McDERMOTT,
WM. A. SPAULDING,
JOHN R. EVERARD.
Committee.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master elect was then installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Wm. S. Combs, assisted by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master John R. Everard, acting as Grand Marshal; after which the Grand Master installed the balance of the Grand officers.

On motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, the sum of two dollars was voted to Companion Harry Burmingham, Grand Sentinel, for his services during this Grand Assembly.

On motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, the thanks of this Grand Council were extended to St. Paul Council, No. 1, for the use of the Masonic Hall.

On motion of Companion Grove B. Cooley, it was decided that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council be held in the city of St. Paul, on Monday the day before the second Tuesday in October, A. D. 1880. at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m.

Companion H. L. Carver, T.: I.: M.: of St. Paul Council No. 1, then extended an invitation to the representatives of the General Council to partake of an oyster supper, which he stated was in active preparation. and would be ready as soon as the Grand Council closed. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

On motion of Companion Ed. McDermott, it was decided that the Grand Recorder procure to be printed two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

The Grand Council was then closed in AMPLE form.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
Grand Master.

Attest:

GROVE B. COOLEY,
Grand Recorder.

THIS PAGE

IS SET APART TO THE MEMORY OF

COMPANION

HARVEY W. WALTER,

OF MISSISSIPPI,

WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 19th, 1878.

Aged fifty-nine years.

"He gave up his life for his friends."

THIS PAGE
IS SET APART TO THE MEMORY OF
ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION
WILLIAM MORRIL,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida.

WHO DIED JUNE 7th, 1879.

Aged seventy-three years.

This page is respectfully dedicated by the Grand Council of Minnesota.

THIS PAGE

IS SET APART TO THE MEMORY OF

COMPANION

THOMAS J. CORSON,

Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey,

WHO DIED MAY 10th, 1879.

Aged fifty-one years.

"A faithful and loving brother, a true and noble companion."

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ANNUAL RETURNS

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR 1879.

SAINT PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry L. Carver.....	T. I. M.
Charles Leonard.....	R. I. M.
G. Robertson.....	P. C. of the W.
J. H. Ranney.....	Treas.
Wm. S. Combs.....	Recorder.
C. F. Yeager.....	C. of G.
Theodore Burkhard.....	Marshal.
M. C. Teneyck.....	Steward.
Harry Burmingham.....	Sentinel.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

J. T. Terry.....	P. M. I. G. M.
Wm. S. Combs.....	P. M. I. G. M.
H. L. Carver.....	P. R. I. D. G. M.
Field Woodburne.....	P. R. I. D. G. M.
G. W. Merrill.....	R. I. D. G. M.
J. P. Pond.....	P. T. I. M.
Phil. S. Harris.....	P. T. I. M.

MEMBERS.

Geo. S. Acker,
E. S. Beck,
James Bergfield,
Thomas J. Connelly,
J. W. Cróuse,
C. W. Carpenter,
Wm. Corliss,
C. M. Dittman,
J. M. Emerson,
J. C. Terry,
H. L. Carver,
G. W. Merrill,
Chas. Leonard,
R. L. Marvin,
Theo. Burkhard,
M. C. Ten Eyck,
P. S. Harris,
Geo. Humaker,
Wm. P. Jewett,
Rev. J. Marvin,
Charles Milne,
R. C. Munger,
J. H. Myers,
James Nelson,
C. W. Nash,
J. H. Murphy,
C. N. Parker, Jr.,
E. D. B. Porter,
G. W. Robertson,
H. Ray,
E. M. Stover,
Geo. W. Seymour,
I. P. Wright,
B. F. Wright,
A. R. Young,
A. J. Birmingham,
Newton J. Willey,

Wm. C. Ashton,
W. T. Bailey,
Geo. C. Barnum,
J. M. Cox,
S. D. Downs,
A. T. C. Cobb,
W. N. Cumbey,
J. H. Dodge,
J. P. Gribben,
Wm. S. Combs,
Fred. Woodburne,
J. P. Pond,
J. H. Reaney,
H. Birmingham,
Wm. Carter,
J. H. Gates,
Hugh Hall,
J. R. Jenks,
A. Moore, Jr.,
N. H. Merrick,
J. A. McClosky,
C. F. Mahler,
D. A. Montfort,
Edgar Nash,
Wm. Merriam,
Geo. L. Otis,
Geo. W. Prescott,
H. P. Ordway,
T. Richter,
D. S. L. Combs,
F. S. Swisher,
Wm. S. Underwood,
N. J. Watts,
C. F. Yeager,
J. H. Stewart,
A. M. P. Cowley,
Henry Brand.

Total membership, 75.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

. MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular meeting, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

William A. Spaulding.....	T.: I.: M.:
J. B. Clough.....	R.: I.: M.:
G. M. Hunt.....	I.: P.: C.: of W.:
John T. West.....	Treasurer.
Ed. McDermott.....	Recorder.
Theodore Chapin.....	C.: of the G.:
Thomas Cox.....	C.: of the C.:
Geo. H. Huntington.....	Steward.
J. H. Atty.....	Sentinel.

PAST T.: I.: MASTERS.

A. E. Ames*.....	P.: M.: I.: G.: M.:
D. M. Goodwin.....	P.: R.: I.: G.: M.:
Geo. W. Cooley.....	M.: I.: G.: M.:
Ed. McDermott.....	R.: I.: P.: C.: of W.:
Grove B. Cooley.....	Grand Recorder.

MEMBERS.

D. M. Goodwin,
J. B. Clough,
James Cyphers,
Ed. McDermott,
Louis A. Runge,
Theodore Gross,
F. S. Gilson,
A. M. Shuey,
Isaac W. Geer,
Geo. W. Cooley,
John H. Noble,
A. L. Scott,
Wm. A. Spaulding,
C. A. Robinson,
John Vander Horck.
Wm. D. Burwell,
E. W. Storer,

E. B. Ames,
John H. Stevens,
S. W. Stewart,
F. E. Brackett,
Geo. H. Purmort,
Geo. A. Savory,
G. G. Wells.
E. Altman,
Rev. D. B. Knickerbacker,
T. J. Tuttle,
A. A. Ames,
M. P. Hawkins,
John M. Waldron,
Chas. McC. Reeve,
Ira H. Pierce,
Henry G. Hicks,
S. J. Wallace,

*Deceased.

H. H. Corson,
 Thomas Downing,
 Thomas Cox,
 Sam. T. Moles,
 C. M. Jones,
 H. H. Kimball,
 Rev. A. J. Davis,
 Chas. Dean,
 G. A. Hoffman,
 Charles Scott,
 Charles E. Wales,
 Fred W. Dillingham,
 C. D. Hammond,
 J. F. Stevens.
 Geo. H. Huntington,
 John R. Everard,
 C. F. Haglin,
 John H. Bornholdt,
 Grove B. Cooley,
 F. D. Carson,
 James Mahar,
 James Newton,
 John A. Schlener,

B. R. J. Thaxter,
 J. A. Bowman,
 John T. West,
 D. W. Davis,
 L. D. Day,
 J. H. Atty,
 C. S. Jones,
 J. C. Howard,
 Herbert C. Hill,
 Cyrus Rothschild,
 Joseph Lamont,
 Emerson Cole,
 J. C. Nugent,
 Theo. W. Chapin,
 Joseph H. Thompson,
 Chas. W. Deering,
 Chas. H. House,
 R. W. Hanson,
 Geo. M. Hunt,
 P. P. West,
 Louis Duensing,
 W. H. Jacoby,
 Charles E. Holt,

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular assembly, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred Joss.....	T. I. M.
Silas B. Foote.....	R. I. M.
Edward J. Comer.....	P. C. W.
Egbert J. Blood.....	Treasurer.
George P. Sjoblom.....	Recorder.
Swante J. Willard.....	C. G.
Henry A. Willard.....	C. C.
Charles A. Swanson.....	Steward.
John L. Hastings.....	Sentinel.

PAST T. I. MASTERS.

Fred Joss.....	P. M. I. G. M.
Dwight M. Baldwin.....	P. R. I. G. M.

MEMBERS.

Andrew Allen,	Thos. Bixby.
E. J. Blood,	Charles R. Brink,
Wm. P. Brown,	D. M. Baldwin,
E. L. Baker,	John Bosworth,
E. J. Comer,	Gustav A. Carlson,
A. J. Clark,	D. B. Clark.
W. O. Dodge,	E. F. Dodge,
J. B. Dorman,	Wm. Eisenbrand,
Silas B. Foote,	John Frederiek,
Robert M. Fox,	Charles Griswold,
P. F. Glanden,	W. E. Hawkins,
John L. Hastings,	Abram Howe, Jr.,
M. Herschler,	James C. Harris,
Lucius A. Hancock,	Fred Joss,
J. S. Kellogg,	R. B. Kellogg,
Charles L. Kellogg,	Robert Kreiger,
J. A. Lawrence,	J. B. McLean,
John McLean,	L. W. Neudeck,
J. Emil Olund,	J. W. Richter,
Geo. P. Sjoblom,	W. W. Sweeney,
Poscal Smith,	Louis A. Smith,
Charles A. Swanson,	S. J. Willard,
Wm. B. Williams,	H. A. Willard,
O. Whitman,	W. C. Williston,
Will. J. Whitney,	Joseph S. Wing,
Total membership, 50.	

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS EAST.

Regular monthly meeting, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

O. A. Broughton.....	T.: I.: M.:
Solon Armstrong.....	R.: I.: M.:
H. M. Kent.....	P.: C.: of W.:
Robert W. Cummings.....	Treasurer.
W. C. Noble.....	Recorder.
S. N. Whitney.....	C.: of G.:
E. H. Connor.....	Marshal.
W. M. Barrows.....	Steward.
E. P. Crane.....	Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PAST T. T. I. T. MASTERS.

Wm. Lochren,

Fred. L. Smith.

MEMBERS.

Wm. Lochren,
 M. W. Getchell,
 Fred. L. Smith,
 Henry M. Kent,
 Christopher Greeley,
 Jonathan Chase,
 John W. Henion,
 S. N. Whitney,
 E. C. Pratt,
 John Wilson,
 R. W. Cummings.
 W. C. Noble,
 C. S. Philbrick,
 R. C. Leavitt,
 Solon Armstrong,
 O. A. Broughton,
 M. P. Hayes,
 Henry A. Dow,
 C. K. Bushnell,
 W. M. Barrows,
 F. C. Barrows.

O. T. Swett,
 H. W. Huntington,
 O. D. Delano,
 Charles W. Weeks,
 Thomas G. Forster,
 W. E. Johnson,
 E. B. Clement,
 E. P. Crane,
 E. H. Connor,
 Henry Campbell,
 Leonard Lewis,
 John Dudley,
 Oscar L. Cutter,
 J. G. Jameson,
 C. A. Stokes,
 W. A. Morse,
 Alfred Leighton,
 Alden Nason,
 O. A. Gardner,
 C. Henry Benton,

Total membership, 41.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1879.

St. Paul, No. 1.....	Passed the Circle, 4.....	Membership, 75
Minneapolis, No. 2.....	“ “ “ 8.....	“ 80
Tyrian, No. 4.....	“ “ “ 1.....	“ 50
Adoniram, No. 5.....	“ “ “ 3.....	“ 41
Number of Subordinate Councils, 4.		
Total Membership.....		246

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

From its Organization in 1870 to 1879.

Year.	M.: I.: G.: M.:	R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:	R.: I.: G.: M.:	G.: P.: C.: W.:	G.: Treas.	G.: Rec.
1870...	J. C. Terry.....	Samuel Willey*.....	A. E. Ames*.....	E. C. Cross.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Wm. S. Combs.
1871....	A. E. Ames*.....	Samuel Willey*.....	E. C. Cross.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1872....	E. C. Cross.....	J. C. Terry.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1873....	Wm. S. Combs.....	Charles Shandrew.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1874....	Wm. S. Combs.....	H. L. Carver.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1875....	Fred Joss.....	H. L. Carver.....	G. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.
1876....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.
1877....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Office abolished.	Ed. McDermott.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.
1878....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley.
1879....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley.

* Deceased.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

For the fourth time we have "swung around the circle." For the fourth time we are called upon to mount the rostrum, and speak our piece. For the fourth time we bring up our work to this Grand Council, for inspection and criticism; and all we have to say in extenuation of any flaw, blemishes, rough corners, or uneven surfaces, is this: that we tried to do the best we could with the material we had to work with, the time in which we were compelled to perform our task, and the wages set aside to us for our labor. If any of our work is fitted for the place designed, accept it with our grateful thanks; if not, let it be cast aside among the rubbish, and we will be the last to murmur or complain.

We have received and reviewed the following proceedings from sister Grand Councils:

Alabama.....	1878	Michigan.....	1879
Arkansas.....	Letter	Missouri.....	1878
California....	Letter	Nebraska.....	Circular
Connecticut.....	1879	New Hampshire.....	1878-9
England and Wales.....	Letter	New Jersey.....	1878-9
Florida	1879	New York.....	1878
Illinois.....	1878	North Carolina....	1878-9
Indiana.....	1878	Ohio.....	1878
Iowa	1878	Pennsylvania.....	1879
Kansas.....	Letter	Rhode Island.....	Circular
Kentucky.....	1877-8	South Carolina.....	1877-8
Louisiana.....	1879	Tennessee.....	1878
Massachusetts.....	1878	Vermont.....	1878-9

As we have no ambition for notoriety; no desire to be considered singular, eccentric or peculiar, we will follow on in the old consecrated way laid out and traveled over by those veteran leaders, Drummond, Austin, Hudson, and others, who are the captains of the salvation of the Cryptic Rite, and begin our original and borrowed remarks with

ALABAMA—1878.

The forty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Montgomery, on the 4th day of December 1878.

Companion James Milton, M.: Ill.: Grand Master, presided.

Six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address contains some very good hints and truths concerning Cryptic Masonry. Among other things he says:

"Since our last Annual Assembly, no material change in Cryptic Masonry has taken place in this, or, as far as I am informed, in other jurisdictions. It is a fact that is greatly to be regretted, that for several years past there has been a great decline in the interest taken in it. The reasons assigned for it and remedies recommended are almost as numerous as there are jurisdictions. A late one, however, is the most startling of all, since it proposes to abolish Cryptic Masonry as a separate institution, giving the degrees to the Chapter.

"This, in my opinion, would, at this moment, instead of producing the effect sought, introduce a chaos which would render it impossible to obtain any beneficial result. For it would do away with our Ritual (beautiful and impressive as it is) to a great extent, and of necessity make a change in the Ritual of the Chapter; and in such an event we should have to go into 'the highways and by-ways' and gather up all the old Royal Arch Masons, and confer the degrees of the Council upon them; or have two kinds of Royal Arch Masons.

"And were it possible to do so, I am satisfied that it would be rejected by a very great majority of them. Our brethren, many of whom have been Masons from their earliest manhood to old age, and whose lives have been governed by its teaching, and whose constant aim has been to give light and instruction to their uninformed brethren in accordance with the teaching they have received, would regard such a change as an 'innovation,' and reject it accordingly. And were we to consent to do so, it is by no means certain that we should be received by the Chapters. We should not forget that a very short time ago we went knocking at the door of another institution, seeking to be taken under its wing; which met with a courteous but positive refusal on its part.

"Now, while other jurisdictions may do as may seem to them best, Companions, I advise you never to consent to a dismemberment; but rather let us redouble our efforts to sustain and revive Cryptic Masonry, and hand it down to our children, as we received it, with a lustre untarnished."

That suits us exactly.

The same officers were continued in office until the next Assembly.

Companion Daniel Sayre presented a good but condensed report on Correspondence. In starting out he says, "We have before us the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Councils at their latest assemblies, but for several reasons we shall not attempt a regular review. We propose only to offer a few remarks upon some of them."

He gives Minnesota for 1878 passing notice, making quotations from the Grand Master's Address, and our report. We give his conclusion in full.

"And thus we close our report. We wish it was better than it is, but with all its faults and deficiencies, we submit it to our Companions. At present, our beloved Rite is under a cloud, as, indeed, all the Rites are; but it is owing to the times. Everywhere Masonry has been suffering, as any one will be convinced who will study the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies.

"There is a decrease in the membeaship of at least three-fourths of the Grand Chapters of the United States, and we are not certain if the proportion is not as great in the Grand Lodges. And yet, Companions want to transfer the Council degrees to the former, to preserve them!

"There is actually a net decrease of membership in the whole of the United States, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, of over 100. Bnt from this, deduct Pennsylvania (where they do not talk of transferring the degree,) and Quebec and Nova Scotia (which do not belong to the United States,) and there is a net decrease of over *eleven hundred!*

"These facts we glean from a table in the proceedings of Iowa, where is a decrease of 141. And in Illinois, where there are 168 Subordinate Chapters, the increase is only 129. Another case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire."

ARKANSAS—1878.

We receive the mournful news by way of a letter from Companion L. E. Barber, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Arkansas, that that Grand Council at its last Annual Assembly, in October, 1878, was "consolidated with, or turned over to the Grand Chapter"; so there is no Grand Council in Arkansas.

Our remedy in our action lies.
But self destruction is but cowardice.

CALIFORNIA.

We receive tidings from this jurisdiction by way of Grand Chapter Proceedings for 1878. The Grand Council and Grand Chapter have had their courtship, popped the question, confessed their love, asked consent, and are now impatiently waiting for an answer from the General Grand Chapter to agree to their nuptials. If yea, the gordian knot will soon be tied. If nay, they will be obliged to return back to their first love. They are not so bold and disloyal as some of the others. They won't elope. They want to, but they won't—

"If mother says they mustn't."

The Grand Chapter, very prudently and consistently, deferred action upon the matter until action had been taken by the General Grand Chapter.

CONNECTICUT—1879.

The sixty-first Annual Assembly was held in New Haven, May 12th, 1879.

Deputy Grand Master Abner Heaton presided in the absence of Grand Master Arthur R. Blakeslee, who found it impossible to be present.

Eighteen Subordinate Councils were represented. Three were not represented.

The Grand Master's Address was read by the Grand Recorder. It is simply a report of his official acts; only of local interest.

We gather from the reports of the several Grand officers, that Cryptic Masonry in that State is holding its own, and that there are few if any who advocate "miscegenation."

Companion Wm. Wallace Lee submitted a short but pithy report on Foreign Correspondence.

He briefly reviews the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, our own for 1878 being among the number.

He quotes our remarks under the head of Connecticut, on "personification," and then says:

"Much obliged for the information. Among mechanics, especially steam workers, when we hear any one talking about his engine or lathe, or any other machine, and tell what *she* will do, and how smart *she* is, and how much work *she* will turn off, we call it *blowing*. Hereafter I shall correct them, and call it *personification*."

We took the liberty to differ with Companion Lee upon the question of the duties of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; *he* taking the ground that it was simply ministerial, *we* that it was proper for the committee to express an opinion on what is best to be done, if so disposed. After quoting what we said, he goes for us like a "thousand of brick." Hear him:

"Well, I am still of the same opinion. I am sometimes amused at the assumption and dictums of masonic scribblers, and the wise expoundings of the machinery and legislation of a builder association; for masonry is that, as every thoughtful mechanic can see.

'And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
How one small head could carry all he knew.'

So you see we spent all our labor for naught. Take old "fogies" like Companion Lee and your committee and they are generally very opinionated. Companion Lee is a Mason of much experience, having been at the head of Ancient Craft, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in Connecticut, and is one that others look to for light, and we would like to have him give his "opinion," but we won't. Like the old woman

When he says he will he will; you may depend on't.

But when he says he won't, he wont; and that's the end on't.

In his conclusion he alludes to the decease of distinguished Masons in different jurisdictions, and then closes with the following beautiful lines:

"Tolls the bell! and muffled feet
Tread the city's busy street,
With the great lights in keeping borne by one of silver hair.
Tolls the bell! and swings the gate
Open to our last estate;
And again a broken column stands beside a vacant chair.
Other years shall come and go,
Leaving only tracks of snow,
Ye shall ply the surly boatman daily to the silent shore,
Plumb and gavel, robe and crown,
One by one we lay them down,
Pass beyond earth's line of vision, and are seen of men no more."

Here's a health to thee, Companion Lee.
 Tho' you may don the garb of quibler,
 Personify your *tothe* a *she*,
 And *dub* me a Masonic scribbler.
 Tho' you may shun the skirmish line,
 And far prefer the *home-guard* fender,
 Don't you forget, companion mine,
 That Minnesota don't surrender.

Here's a health to thee, Companion Lee.
 Tho' you may not my tactics fancy,
 Your engine you may call a *she*,
 A "Madame Grundy," or "Miss Nancy."
 I *may* be fast, *you may* be slow.
You on the fence, *I* on the "tender."
 I still shall speak my mind, you know,
 For Minnesota don't surrender.

Heres a health to thee, Companion Lee.
 May length of days and truest pleasure,
 By the Supreme Grand Master be
 Granted to thee with fullest measure.
 And when at last the gavel's call
 Shall summons thee from earth to sever,
 May heaven's choicest blessings all
 Be shared by thee for aye and ever.

Companion Abram Heaton, of Bridgeport, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion James K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion William Wallace Lee, of West Meriden, still holds the ministerial position of Committee on Correspondence, and don't propose to give any opinion until he hears all the evidence.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have tidings from this Grand Council by way of letter from Companion Frederick Binkes, Grand Recorder.

He reports that Cryptic Masonry has not as yet made very much progress in England, but of late it has commanded more attention.

At present there are only eight Councils, four in London, one in Bristol, one in Havant, one in Bolton, and one in York, the most prosperous of which is the Grand Master's Council No. 1, held in London, which has a membership of about seventy.

They have some good workers, and the ceremony of conferring the degrees is very much appreciated by those who take them.

No proceedings have as yet been published.

Companion Frederick Binkes, of 2nd Red Lion Square, London, W. C., is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1879.

After we had closed our report, at the last call, when the printer was asking for more copy, late in the afternoon, when we were both weary and thirsty, the post boy hands us the proceedings of the Grand Council of Florida for 1879.

"'Twas the report we long had sought,
And mourned because we found it not."

And we could not understand why we did not get it, for knowing Companion Carlovitz' remarkable punctuality, particularly in writing for the reports of other jurisdictions, we were led to believe that some great accident had befallen him, and we bowed our heads in sorrow and grief; but relief came at last. We tore off the wrapper; we read that on the 4th day of June, 1879, the day set for the assembling of the Grand Council, the bride was ready, but the bridegroom failed to put in an appearance, and at the roll call, too few stood up to say "I'm here," to make it safe to snuff the fray; and so the matter was deferred until reinforcements came up. The Grand Master came to the front and ordered an assembly, June 21st, 1879. It was held. Quorum present.

Companion George S. Holmark, Grand Master, presided.

Three Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, of interest only in that jurisdiction. He referred in very appropriate language, to the death of those Illustrious Companions who stood prominently before the masonic world, and paid a fine tribute to the memory of Companion Wm. Morrill, Past Grand Master of that Grand Council, who died June 7th, 1879, aged 73 years.

Companion John Carlovitz submitted his report on Correspondence. It is mostly a history of the Cryptic degrees, and continued protest against the consolidation with the Chapter. It is interesting and instructive, but we are deprived the privilege of quoting from it, for the reason that the printer can't wait.

Companion Geo. S. Halmark was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion John Carlovitz, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1878.

"Not dead, but sleeping."

Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly was held in Chicago, October 26th, 1878; Companion J. J. French, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"Our esoterics have been taken up during the 'winter of our discontent,' and transplanted upon the broader and more vernal plains of Capitular Masonry.

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"At the time of harvest, when the sheaves shall be brought into our granaries, the tares, if we have sown any, will then be separated from the wheat, and our threshing floors will yield their richness and plenty."

Under the head of Foreign Relations, he says:

"On the 24th of October, 1877, I appointed Rt. Ill. Companion Robert Smith Brown, of Edinburgh, a Deputy Grand Master of Scotland, endowing him with ample powers, as my proxy, to introduce the Council Degrees in Scotland; there being no Councils in that country."

We don't propose to argue the question of the right of a Most Puissant Grand Master to introduce the Council degrees into a foreign country, except in the regular way, that is by a regular petition and dispensation, but we must confess that, to us, the action of Companion French was of very doubtful authority.

He very eloquently and feelingly alludes to the death of three Illustrious Companions, who had "borne masonic honors thick upon them", in that State, to wit, Companions Sylvester Stevens, who was the oldest Mason in the State, who died June 18th, 1878; George G. Lounsbury, who died August 1st, 1878, and Levi D. Van Gelder, who died September 22d, 1878.

Companion Philander W. Barclay, of Cairo, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion Gilbert W. Barnard, of Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No Foreign Correspondence Report.

Right here we will take the liberty to quote the report of the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi to that body at its convocation in February, 1878. It shows what a *grand thing* is consolidation, and how it works even in that jurisdiction where the thing was born. In his report he says:

"I have visited but four councils during the year, and conferred the Council Degrees on the members of said chapters, and I find that all, indeed almost unanimously, approve the plan of uniting the Chapter and Council Degrees. But the stringency of the times has prevented the Chapter from availing themselves of this opportunity of obtaining the degrees, when they are compelled to meet all the expenses of the Grand Lecturer, and also to remunerate him for his time and labor. I am convinced that these degrees will not be worked satisfactorily except at the expense of the Grand Chapter. Before the merging of these Degrees, and when times were more flourishing, I was very much opposed to the Grand Chapter undertaking this work. Now I acknowledge its necessity for these reasons:

1st. There are six degrees, with a good deal to learn and retain, which no man can do unless his whole time is devoted to it. For instance: I go to a Chapter, confer all the degrees, lecture for several days, close the Chapter and go home. Having no other call, necessity compels me to engage in other pursuits, in which my mind is necessarily wholly engaged. Two months later I receive another call, and must hurry to meet it. Now you see it and my predicament. There must be blunders, and as a consequence, loss of respect for the work, and also loss of confidence in the ability of the Grand Lecturer, all of which throws a damper over our prosperity. Now if all my time was employed, and nothing else to engage my attention, everything would work harmonious and the Grand Lecturer would be able to disseminate the work and lecture with credit to himself and benefit to the Craft. I am fully aware of the financial condition of the Chapter. But this problem must be solved: How can we most effectually disseminate these degrees, and what means must we employ to that end? * * *

If the Grand Chapter would or *could* give the Grand Lecturer a small salary on which he could with certainty rely, and the Subordinate Chapters would pay his traveling expenses, and take care of him when with them. I think the merging and workings of these degrees would be assured."

In refering to this report Companion Dana, of Vermont, in his report on Correspondence, to his Grand Chapter, says:

"That is to say, the Council Degrees can be worked in the Chapters if the Grand Chapter will hire a man, at a large expense, to go around the State and do all the work. This is a refreshing condition of things after we had been assured so positively that this merging was to so beautifully 'revive the interest in Cryptic Masonry.' 'To this conclusion we have to come at last.' We commend this result to Woodhull & Atkins, and our other Wisconsin and Illinois friends."

We are something at a loss to know where to place the Grand Council of Illinois.

She would fain still keep house, yet has turned all her family out of doors, and is compelling them to be brought up by a stepmother; or, as Companion Dana would say, she has turned them over into the hands of a *wet nurse*.

What is to be the end we don't know. We can only conjecture. We shall see, what we shall see.

INDIANA—1878.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, A. D. 1878.

Grand Master Charles H. Butterfield presided.

Thirty-six out of forty-six Councils under charter, were represented, and a large number of visiting Companions present.

The address of the Grand Master is principally a report of his official acts. He very appropriately refers to the decease of Companion Harry G. Hazelrigg. Past Grand Master of that jurisdiction, and Companions Eden H. Davis, Past Illustrious Grand Master of that Grand Council. Very neat and appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceeding to the memory of the deceased.

The Grand Master reported the following decisions; which were pronounced "*most certainly correct*" by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and approved by the Grand Council:

DECISIONS.

As the presiding officer of this body, I have been called upon to make very few decisions during the past year; and, with one exception, none of sufficient importance to demand any attention from you.

On the sixteenth of April last, I received a letter from Companion John K. Graff, Illustrious Master of Terre Haute Council No. 8, asking whether a companion, who had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a Chapter in the State of Illinois, could be admitted to a council in this State—the councils in the State of Illinois having been merged into the Chapters. He further stated that he had received invitations to assist in conferring the Council Degrees in an Illinois Chapter—which he had declined to do.

I answered, approving his action in declining to assist in conferring these degrees in that manner; and also, in substance, deciding that no Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council could admit, either as a visitor thereto or as a member thereof, any companion who had not received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a just and lawfully constituted Council of

Royal and Select Masters. The questions that will undoubtedly arise from the action of some of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, in placing the Council Degrees in charge of the Chapters, are likely to be perplexing and important. I, therefore, call your attention to this decision, for such action thereon, if any, as may seem proper to you.

I leave the question of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this State, in view of the action of some of our sister States above referred to, to your consideration and that of my successor, without any comment, further than to say that, in my judgment, these degrees do not hold the important place and rank to which their beauty and usefulness entitle them.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$606.22 therein.

The committee on Costumes and Badges reported as follows:

That take it as we may, your Committee can not get away from the fact that the only true badge of a Mason is, in the language of the old rituals, "a lamb skin or white leather apron," which, for the Council Degrees, should be of the same size and form as that for the Royal Arch, and trimmed with purple in the same manner as the Royal Arch apron is trimmed with scarlet.

The historical legends upon which the Council Degrees are founded occurring prior to the death of our lamented Grand Master they are therefore intermediate between the Master's Degree and the Royal Arch Degrees, hence their appropriate color is purple. * * * * *

The appropriate jewel to be worn by each officer and member of a council, while at work, is a triangle, which must have suspended therein—

For the Illustrious Master, a square

For the Deputy Illustrious Master, a level.

For the Principal Conductor of the Work, a plumb.

For the Treasurer, cross keys.

For the Recorder, cross pens.

For the Steward and Sentinel, cross swords.

And for each member actually employed in the work, a trowel.

These should all be of gold or yellow metal, and suspended in the usual manner by a purple ribbon or collar.

Two new Councils were duly chartered.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported "that no cause of grievance or appeal had been referred to it for consideration; that we are, indeed, a 'happy family.'"

Companion W. W. Austin submitted another of his very excellent reports on Foreign Correspondence. He quotes extensively and presents his own views freely and pointedly. He includes Minnesota for 1877, in his report; quoting from Grand Master Cooley's address, and our historical remarks, under the head of "Mississippi in full." We can't refuse quoting his opening remarks:

"To be, or not to be; that is the question" which is now earnestly engaging the consideration of the "Royal and Select." Whether 'tis better to wait a time with patience, believing that there is a silver lining to the now overhanging cloud, or to submit to the pressure of imitation, and quietly sink into the Capitular vault.

"In presenting to the Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction a review of the proceedings of sister Grand Councils, we have endeavored to give in a brief form the opinions and actions of those several bodies. Individually we are for remaining with the "ship of state," having a firm faith that in the return of better financial times it will be found that each of the Orders will have enough work in its individual sphere, without being loaded down with labor foreign to its own legitimate duties.

Under the head of "Alabama," he very facetiously remarks:

"We have, perhaps, been too free in our views and expressions about this 'violent inclination to commit self destruction,'" and would here remark that before any of our Grand Councils suicide, it would be prudent to first ascertain whether it is not best to get an invitation to come, before thrusting one's self upon the family uninvited. Capitular Masonry now has as much as she can well attend to in managing her own family affairs. Her 'ingenuity' is taxed to keep her own table supplied, and when the 'country cousins' come to make their eternal stay, you may in time expect to see the old lady's brow begin to frown darkly. If our revolutionary fathers had been as faint-hearted in the dark days of the bitter contest as some of our cryptic companions are, the old ship would have been cast high and dry."

He is rather inclined to be a little felicitous over the action of Illinois, at its Annual Assembly in 1877. Under this head he says:

"We are at a loss where to place this Grand Council, after having read their proceedings for October 24, 1877, held at Chicago. We were once much interested at a feat of some Chinese jugglers. One of the members deliberately, before the eyes of the astonished audience, cut off the head of another member, and, while holding up to our view the severed head, the decapitated 'almond-eyed' heathen arose, and calmly walked off the stage, rearranging his cherished pig tail of a queue. Which head was the original we don't know to this day."

"Our neighbor Council always was great on some new move—some new Grand Past degree, some new grip—always fertile in some novelty. By a wave of her cryptic wand, she first strikes out three articles of her constitution—what they are she don't say—and then resolves that if the Grand Chapter will take her to its "bosom" within two years, the Grand Council becomes *non est*; and if she don't take her in, then she is as she ever was. On the strength of this movement (caveat filed) the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter says, 'the Grand Chapter and Grand Council have consolidated;' whereupon, the Grand Master of the Grand Council, (said body being in a purgatorial state,) in an addenda, says, "it isn't so;" that they have gone into a curculio state for two years, and, if not buried in that time by the Grand Chapter, the Grand Ahishar is to awake from his slumbers, and, with gilded wings and a radiant halo, will go for the gay flowers and sweet honey on his own account. We await the event with patience. Should this process of transformation be accomplished, we may then expect some new development of transforming the Chapter into the Lodge."

We would like to go on quoting from his report, there are so many good things in it; but *we*, like *him*, are cautioned to "put on the brakes". We will therefore close by quoting his remarks under the head of "Wisconsin."

"Solemn strikes the funeral chime."
"Mortals, now indulge a tear."

"On the eleventh of March, 1878, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin, was, by its last Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion James L. Bridge, declared to be, to all intents and purposes, DEAD. At the early age of twenty-one years, while passing through the dark and gloomy valley of finance, the ghost of a horrible future so shocked its frail nerves that vitality fled; and it now lies peacefully resting in the capitular valley, quiet as a babe on its mother's bosom."

Companion Albert P. Charles, of Seymour, was elected Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion John M. Bramwell, was of course re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion A. is *fated* still,
To drive the reportorial quill

IOWA.

Gone ! Gone ! Gone ! Alas, must it be said,
 Our mother has departed? Our mother, too, is dead?
 We can but mourn in sorrow, and drop the burial tear.
 And wish that she were back again, as we gather 'round her bier.

We are compelled to record the demise of the Grand Council of Iowa.

She first gave us birth and life in the Cryptic Degrees, and we can but mourn her loss. We can only say, farewell, farewell.

This Grand Council assembled at Marshalltown, October 15th, 1878. Grand Master Daniel B. Shelley, presided. Twelve Subordinate Councils represented.

The matter of consolidation with the Chapter was voted on, and carried; thirty-three votes in favor and six against, and so it was declared "*busted*."

Companion W. B. Langudje submitted the report on correspondence. He briefly reviewed the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, our own among the number.

From the tone of his report we do not believe his heart is really in unison with the consolidation, but for policy sake he did not oppose it but voted for it. We quote from his conclusion:

"This will be the last report on correspondence from this writer, and the last proceedings issued on its behalf. We reluctantly bid farewell to the field of Grand Council labor, and to the fraternal tribe of correspondents. Many a pleasant hour has been spent in the one, and many an agreeable interchange of thought has been had in the other. We ask to be kindly remembered by the Grand Recorders, and to still receive the proceedings of the Grand Bodies, being 'always as ready to give as they are to receive' Iowa proceedings, and, as a good rule always works both ways, we are always as ready to *receive* as they are to *give* of theirs. We expect the tide of consolidation to flow for awhile. Whether it will turn and reflow to the system of Grand Councils again, or whether the grade will be allowed to die out, we can only wait and see. But to one and all, before turning down our rush-light and retiring to 'Dumb forgetfulness a prey,' we wish long life and happiness, now and forever, and, in the words of the good Knight, Sir Thomas Mallory, 'I pray you all that read this book, pray for me while I am alive, that God send me good deliverance, and when I am dead pray for my soul.'"

KANSAS.

We learn from Kansas, by way of a letter, from Companion John H. Brown, Grand Recorder, that no proceedings have been printed since 1877. They will print this year. Cryptic Masonry holds its own, and there is no danger of any "New Departure" in that jurisdiction.

KENTUCKY—1877.

"Hark ! from Kentuck a doleful sound ;
 Mine ear attend the cry ;
 Ye Cryptic wights come view the ground,
 Where you must shortly lie."

When we took up a copy of these proceedings we said to ourself, "Behold a *green* spot in the desert. Here will we rest and refresh ourself. Here will we commune with the Shephard, Henderson, and list to the melodious diapasous of his Cryptic Lyre." We looked inside. Our countenance fell. We soon discovered that it was only a *mirage*. It was *green* indeed, from the first to the last page, and fair to look upon. But the Grand Master's Address was a recommendation to adopt the "Mississippi Plan." A committee of conference was appointed with that end in view, to report at the next Assembly. With eighteen live Subordinates, a membership of over one thousand, and an income of over three hundred dollars per annum.

"She feared that she might come to want,
And fain would think of self-destruction."

The Grand Council was held at Louisville, October 17th, 1877. Grand Master L. D. Croninger, presided. Eighteen Subordinate Councils were represented. The Grand Master's address was an urgent appeal to surrender and turn the Cryptic degrees over to the Grand Chapter.

Companion H. A. M. Henderson submitted a very good report on Foreign Correspondence. Of course it was good. He can write one. "If anybody can he can." But it was after all a *leaning* to the "Mississippi Plan." He reviewed the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, including Minnesota, for 1877. He complimented us for our report, but was rather inclined to set us down as *felicitious*.

Companion W. La Rue Thomas, of Danville, was elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Albert G. Hodges, of Louisville, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1878.

" 'Tis not courage, when the darts of chance
Are thrown against our state, to turn our backs,
And basely run to death; as if the hand
Of heaven and nature had lent nothing else
To oppose against mishap, but loss of life;
Which is to fly and not to conquer it."

This Grand Council assembled at Louisville, October 23d, 1878. Grand Master W. La Rue Thomas presided.

Fifteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address was a sad, sad tale of the woful condition of Cryptic Masonry, owing principally to the fact that the Grand Encampment would not make these degrees prerequisite to those of the Chivalric.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly, made the following report; which was adopted:

"The undersigned, a committee appointed at the last convocation of the Grand Council, to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, upon the propriety of merging the degrees over

which this Grand Council has jurisdiction, respectfully report that they have given the subject careful attention, and while they regret that any steps are necessary to perpetuate these beautiful degrees to the science of Speculative Masonry, yet it is too true that they are in a failing condition, and unless some steps are taken, and that speedily, they will pass entirely out of sight in some parts of this jurisdiction; and even in those parts of the jurisdiction where Cryptic Masonry should flourish more prominently, it is at a perfect stand-still."

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, at its late session, adopted the report of the committee appointed to confer with this committee, in which the Grand Chapter agrees to take charge and preserve the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Craft; therefore we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of the State of Kentucky surrender to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kentucky all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master.

Resolved, That the Subordinate Councils turn over to the nearest Chapter all the books, papers, and property in their possession; and the Chapter shall immediately proceed to wind up the affairs of the Council, and after the payment of any debts due by the Council, the surplus, if any, shall be turned over to the treasury of the Chapter. *Provided*, that in cities or towns where there are more than one Chapter the oldest Chapter shall take charge of the property and sell the same to the highest bidder, and divide the proceeds equally among all the Chapters in said city or town.

Resolved, That any money in the hands of the Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, or any property that may belong to the said Grand Council, be turned over to the said Grand Chapter. *Provided*, the debts of the Grand Council shall first have been paid.

Resolved, That a committee of one or more be appointed on the part of the Grand Council, to confer with and assist the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in carrying out the foregoing resolutions

JAMES W. STATON,
W. LA RUE THOMAS,
H. BOSTWICK.

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The M. . I. . Grand Master appointed Companions Wm. Ryan and Laughlin the committee provided for in the resolutions adopted in relation to merging the degrees.

The Grand Council then adjourned *sine die*."

"'Tis strange but true; for truth is always strange, stranger than fiction."

As the bird of the mountain is guarding her eyrie,
And sleeplessly watches to succor and save,
So friends of the Crypt must be watchful and wary;
Be constant and fervent, and active and brave,
The treasures well guard that are left to their keeping,
And keep off all cowans and eaves-droppers too;
And should any Ahishar at his post be found sleeping,
Give his station to Zobad, the just right and true.

LOUISIANA—1879.

We receive the information by letter from Grand Recorder Richard Lambert, that the Proceedings for 1879 are not to be printed. But he sends us the very able and interesting address of Grand Master Geo. J. Pinkard, which we shall freely clip from. In opening he says:

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS: Our ever-gracious and over-ruling Grand Master again permits us to assemble in Grand Council; again to exchange fraternal greetings with each other; again to review the past, and take counsel together for the future. Let us offer up a tribute of praise and thanksgiving, that while the destroying angel has so lately swept over our southern lands, carrying desolation into every household, and leaving behind a listless torpor, weighing so heavily on our hearts, so many of us are spared to meet on this our twenty-fourth annual assembly. And at the outset, let us for a moment recall the days of August, September and October last. There is a mournful sweetness in recurring to the solemnities of those days of woe, when the mourners were seen about the streets, and the sad processions, in long array, were seen wending their never ceasing way to the cities of the dead, and the anxious inquiry of 'Who next?' was the continued and repeated interrogatory; when our brethren, of strong and robust constitutions, were taking up their homes in the silent cities, after a brief but terrible struggle, and our children and consorts, too fragile for a protracted struggle, meekly succumbed to the all pervading influence of the fell destroyer. Alas! who is there amongst us who has not been a daily witness to the heroic efforts put forth by the most delicate and fairest of our homes, and who, in turn, have laid themselves down, and amid the pangs of dissolution, with upraised hands to heaven, and with the last expiring effort of reason, have exclaimed, 'My Father and my God.' Oh! could we for an instant, for a single moment only, tear aside the veil which divides the temporal from the spiritual, how would our hearts take comfort, as we beheld the happy reunion of departed friends in the glorious land of immortality. But it may not be; then, with a dropping tear and a sympathetic sigh, pass we on to the consideration of topics more immediately affecting our temporal Brotherhood."

In regard to general outlook he says:

"Since the last annual meeting the Grand Councils of Wisconsin and Iowa^a have dissolved and retired to what is termed the bosom of the Grand Chapter' making in all six Grand Councils, of which I am officially informed.

In most of these Grand Councils the action looking to a disbandment, appears to have been brought about, or originated, from the Grand East. And we have this peculiar Masonic phenomena presented for our consideration: The Grand Master having solemnly sworn to support and uphold the Constitution of the Grand Council of his jurisdiction, taking immediate steps to destroy it! In some instances, the very committees have had their reports in readiness before the meeting of the Grand Council; the whole matter cut and dried as it were.

In our perusal of the various addresses from the East, of these disbanding Councils, we have endeavored in vain to find some reasonable ground for the proposed dissolution, and are constrained to admit we find nothing but vague generalities. One Grand Master asserts it is because he has nothing to do. Another hopes to pile up a large sum of money for the benefit of the bereaved and desolate, and make the Masonic Institution "*what it ought to be*," and that peace and perfect stagnation prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Peace and perfect stagnation prevails; an excellent reason certainly for the displacement of a Grand Master so reporting. A Grand Master that can find *nothing to do*! Why, if we could command the time, there is not a day in the whole masonic term, we could not employ from four to six hours in attending to the duties of the office. Is it all that there are no disturbing elements to coerce or reconcile? Is it all that no complicated questions of Masonic Jurisprudence are presented for the consideration of the Grand Master? Is it all that no new Councils are to be organized? no dispensations to issue?

"Verily, we look upon these duties, important and onerous as they may be, as but trifles in comparison with those higher duties which claim the consideration of the Grand Master. Why, is there no influence the Grand Master can exert from his high official station? No sympathy that can be extended to the

bereaved and suffering? No words of cheer to the disconsolate, or of encouragement to the afflicted? Is there no charm in the literature of our writers sufficient to claim an hour's consideration? No suggestions that can be made? No intercourse with our sister jurisdictions to be maintained? When we can find there are none of these high and holy duties to fulfill; when our aspirations have sunk to this dead level; when we can see no charm, can feel no thrill of joyous emotion in the performance of these high duties, then, indeed, will we acknowledge that '*peace and perfect stagnation*' prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevails, and the fiat goes forth, and the Grand Council with its constituents, numbering from ten to forty or fifty, close their labors!

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevails, and the Grand Master's office is a perfect sinecure!

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevails, and ever will prevail where Giblemites such as these prevail, who can find 'nothing to do.'"

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In closing he says:

"I have thus endeavored to lay before you a synopsis of the doings of the past year. As before said, I see no reason to be discouraged. On the contrary, the extracts from the correspondence laid before you, shows in many jurisdictions a healthy advance of the Cryptic Rite. And while in some there may be but little advance, so far as the bringing in of members is concerned, it cannot be denied there is certainly an advance in the right direction to maintain inviolate the organization of our Councils.

Let us, then, pursue the even tenor of our way, nothing fearing, in no wise doubting, firmly believing that the retrograde steps so hastily taken by our late sister Councils, will, sooner or later, have to be retraced. Let us renew our obligations, and, with renewed allegiance, gather strength anew to support and sustain this beautiful Masonic Rite in all its pristine glory and integrity, assured that the Supreme Grand Master will smile approvingly upon all our laudable endeavors to perpetuate the same.

"I now close my third annual address to you. I feel it is not what it should have been—not what I intended it to be. Business has of late pressed heavily on my time. I would that I had given it more thought; would that I could have expressed my feelings in loftier, more thrilling words, for my heart is in this matter. I love the Cryptic lessons beyond all others. While I am attached to Lodge, to Chapter and Commandery, my heart experiences a greater thrill of emotion and pleasure in reciting the solemn lessons of the Crypt, and my ceaseless prayer is that they may be preserved intact. You, Illustrious Companions, in your character as Royal Arch Masons, who have been admitted within the circle of perfection, know the full value of those lessons—the full value of our Cryptic Rites and ceremonies. Remember your promises to preserve and perpetuate them."

We have thus quoted extensively from this address. It is so exactly in accord with our own views, that we could not refrain from scissoring it.

Companion Geo. J. Pinkard was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

We can hardly account for any reason why we have not received the Proceedings of this Jurisdiction for 1879. We received a circular from Grand Recorder, announcing that the Grand Council was held May 10th, 1879. Com-

panion John S. Derby of Saco, was elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Companion Ira Berry, of Portland, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

August 11th, 1879, the Grand Recorder wrote us, in answer to our inquiry, stating that he was patiently waiting for the printer; since which time we have heard nothing, yet he said it would be a short matter when it was reached.

They haven't much to talk about, they haven't much to say :
Yet it takes them long to get it out—just five months and a day,
From May until November, from the spring time until fall ;
And then they blame the printer, blame the printer for it all.

Like the seven ancient virgins that were left outside the door,
Because they did not come in time, like those who came before,
Maine must be left out in the cold, we do it with a tear ;
But trust she'll have her lamp well lit, and full of oil, next year.

Well; we will take back that little speech of ours in regard to Maine, and won't count it this time, for we have just received the Grand Council proceedings for 1879. When the post boy handed them to us we started to find the printer, and see if we could not wipe out what we had already said about this jurisdiction. But, alas! too late, too late! It must go forth, and we will have to put this in as an addenda.

Grand Master Fessenden I. Day, submitted a very good address, but it was mostly of local interest.

Eleven out of twelve Subordinate Councils were represented; all made returns.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence.

He gives Minnesota courteous notice, quoting from the report of your committee, and puts us in the front ranks as opposed to the "Mississippi Plan." He does us the credit to quote our "Summed Up" in full, and thinks that the advice in our "Conclusion" has "millions in it."

Companion Drummond is exactly of our opinion, always entertained and continually expressed, not to place at the head of our Grand or Subordinate bodies, any Companion that at the same time is at the head of any other Grand body. He says that it has long been the practice in Maine, and, as a result, no Companion is overworked, and all the bodies are alive.

We believe this, that it is not justice to the Lodge, Chapter, Council or Companion, to elect him to preside over more than one body the same year; neither should any Companion seek or accept it. We find, to our surprise, that in those jurisdictions which have taken steps to consolidate the Council and Chapter degrees, the Grand officers who led the move, held leading positions in both Grand Bodies at the same time. Let the honors as well as the labors be distributed.

Companion Drummond's report is so full of good things that we regret we are compelled to leave it out. We will, however, quote his conclusion. It

covers the whole ground. His views are ours, and better expressed than we could do it.

"We regret, exceedingly, the premature and illegal action of those Grand Councils, which have attempted to turn the degrees over to the Chapters.

"Such a movement should not have been undertaken, except, at any rate, *upon the assent of all the Grand Councils*. No one Grand Council holds these degrees by itself, but in common with all other Grand Councils. It follows that no one Grand Council has any legal or moral right to assent to the conferring of these degrees, under any other authority than a Grand Council. A Grand Council may revoke the charters of all its subordinates and dissolve; but the transfer of the degrees to any other authority *is beyond the scope of its power*.

"What would be thought of the action of one Grand Lodge in attempting to transfer the degrees to any other body than a lodge? Or even to place lodges under any other authority than a Grand Lodge?

"Especially what would other Grand Chapters say to an attempt by *one* Grand Chapter to transfer the Capitular degrees to a Chapter held under a charter for a lodge?

"It is self evident that no *one* Grand Body, nor any number less than *all* the Grand Bodies can do such a thing, even if all could; which we do not believe.

"The Grand Councils, therefore, cannot recognize Royal and Select Masters made under a Chapter warrant, or *anywhere else than in a Council regularly chartered by a Grand Council*.

"The transfer to the Chapters has another element of weakness in it. The conferring of these degrees is beyond the scope of the power of a Chapter. It has been suggested that new Councils may be established in a State adopting the Mississippi plan; to this the answer has been made, that the Chapters would expel all engaged in such an enterprise. But no such expulsion would be legal. A Chapter cannot legally know anything about these degrees, and an expulsion for being an Odd Fellow would stand as soon as one for joining a Council. The trial of one of these nondescript Cryptic Masons for any offence relating to these degrees, must necessarily be in the "apertenant Council." He could have no appeal, for there would be no Grand Body to appeal to, as the Grand Chapter would be in part composed of members who had not received the degrees; and if it undertook to sit as a Grand Council it would be the same as if it undertook to sit as a Grand Lodge.

"It may now be safely assumed that the General Grand Chapter will not endorse the "Mississippi Plan. In the face of the protest of the Grand Councils of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Louisiana, Florida, and others whose Proceedings have not been received, the General Grand Chapter cannot give endorsement, assent or countenance to the conferring of the degrees in a clandestine manner. But especially, it will never consent to *adopt two systems*, one for a part of the States, and another for the other States. Such a course would be suicide.

"The claim formerly made, that the Chapter ever had any rightful authority over the Cryptic degrees has been most completely exploded; and when historical facts which have recently come to light, shall be published (as we hope they will be before the next convocation of the General Grand Chapter) there will not be any longer the slightest pretence for such a claim.

"The effect of the action of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and of those which have followed her example, is to introduce diverse systems of Cryptic Masonry, with the danger of two systems of Capitular Masonry. If die they must, they should have died decently, and not undertaken to force others to die in their company. The murder of one's self is bad enough, but when the murder of others is attempted at the same time, it is infinitely worse.

"The Convention of the representatives of Cryptic Masonry will meet at Detroit in 1880, at the time of the session of the General Grand Chapter; and we have no doubt that such measures will be taken as will place the Rite on a firmer foundation than ever before.

"The most annoying feature is that these Grand Councils have succumbed just as the tide was turning. It had really reached its lowest ebb, and had begun to flow. It is sad to see a watchman desert his post; but it seems to add to the sadness to see him do so after watching so far through the night, that the coming light is already in the eastern sky."

MARYLAND—1878.

Grand Council held in the city of Baltimore, November 13th, 1878.

Companion Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas was elected M.: Ill.: G.: Master, and Companion William A. Wentz was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Proceedings not to be printed.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Boston, December 11th, 1878.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Subordinate Councils were represented; six not represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a very scholarly production, but is mostly of local import.

He says he was called upon to make but one decision which he considers of sufficient significance to report:

"One of the Councils discharged certain members for non-payment of dues. The by-laws of the Council specified that if the amount due was not paid at or before a designated assembly, 'the Council may at that or any subsequent assembly, declare by a two-thirds vote that his membership be forfeited.' A copy of this by-law, and a notice of the amount due, were sent to each delinquent, but the defect was, absence of specific notice, and my decision was:

Delinquent for non-payment of dues, like other offenders, should be notified of the time and place when action will be taken in each particular case.

"This does not involve all the formalities incident to trials, but affords opportunity for defence at a time certain."

He devotes over two pages to the Illustrious dead of that Jurisdiction, who went to abide in the "Silent City" during the year. Some of these were veterans. One, Simeon Thompson, was born in April, 1792, and took the degrees in Cryptic Masonry in Boston Council, in 1827.

Another, John McClellan, was born in February, 1810; took the Cryptic degrees in 1853; in 1857 was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council; which office he held for twenty years, declining a re-election in 1877. In closing his remarks in regard to him, the Grand Master says:

"The day of his death was to him the beginning of a new life; for he lives anew in the better knowledge of the craft, in the unselfish regard of his brethren, and in their high appreciation of the fidelity which made him conspicuous.

Years may come and go, governments and the plans thereof may change, other men and other generations must fill the places of the present; but when the memory of the man shall fail, and his generation shall be all forgotten, posterity may read what his brethren can safely inscribe upon his tomb: 'Sacred to the memory of an honest man and a good Mason.'

Another, Abraham Annis Dame, was born in August, 1792; took the Cryptic degrees in Boston Council, July 27th, 1819, and presided over it from 1825 to 1829, inclusive, and was by seven years its oldest member. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1826; which position he held and served with ability until 1856, in all thirty years.

Memorial pages are inscribed to the memory of Companions McClellan and Dame.

The Grand Master is opposed to consolidation. We clip his closing remarks:

"To you, then, Companions of the Cryptic Rite, I turn with that hope which inspires confidence. Kindred in will, kindred in zeal, kindred in the wish to preserve the institution of Freemasonry from poverty and decay, may we not, by a union of our efforts, although we take but a little from each, yet do very much to make this branch of it comely and fair to look upon—worthy of an independent and ever generous support?"

"Then shall the Rite 'that was full of people' no longer sit solitary, no longer be as a widow 'that was great among the nations,' but rather as a 'princess among the provinces,' and these shall become tributary unto her."

Finance Committee report in treasury, \$189.15.

The Constitution was amended so as to allow Subordinate Councils to confer the degree of Super Excellent Master, without charge, upon any Royal or Select Master residing within its jurisdiction, who has received the latter degrees in any jurisdiction where said degree of Super Excellent Master is not recognized or worked.

Companion J. W. Dadmun made a summary Report on Correspondence, consuming less than four pages in the proceedings. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils, Minnesota not among the number. While his report is brief, it contains "much in a little." We can only wish there was more of it. In closing he says:

"In our opinion there is but one way to preserve these degrees in their beauty and excellence, and that is to keep them distinct and independent of all other Masonic branches. Let us cease begging of other Grand Bodies some special recognition, and show them that we are able to stand alone on the real merits of the Cryptic degrees. During the last decade the number of Councils has increased from 444 to 656, and the number of members from 16,048 to 28,985. This is only about a thousand less than the number of members in the most prosperous year of the decade, which was 1876. This decrease in 1877, is remarkably small, when we consider the financial pressure of the hard times. During the same year the decrease in Capitular Masonry in the State of New York alone, was 831. Patience and perseverance will bring us off victorious."

We fully agree with Companion Dadmun. It won't do to have too many families in one house. It never was known to work well.

A very fine portrait of Companion Abraham A. Dame adorns the frontal page in the proceedings. Very fitting and appropriate indeed.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman was re-elected M.: Ill.: G.: Master, and Companion John Haigh Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1879.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Jackson, January 20th, 1879.

Forty-one Subordinate Councils were represented; only seven not making returns.

Companion Andrew J. Utley, M.: Ill.: Grand Master, presided.

He delivered a very able, interesting and instructive address, not only giving the present condition of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction, but in every one of which he was advised. We quote from his address.

"CONDITION OF THE RITE IN MICHIGAN.

"Every Select Master in Michigan has just the same cause to be proud of the position occupied by the Cryptic Rite in this State. While in Ancient Craft Masonry Michigan occupies the seventh place in the list of Grand Lodges, so far as the number of its subordinates is concerned, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee each having a greater number of Lodges; and in Capitular Masonry it occupies the sixth place, giving precedence to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, and Kentucky, we of the Cryptic Rite occupy the second place, only one State (Ohio) having a greater number of active Councils than we have.

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"Again, our Grand Council is out of debt, has more than one thousand dollars of surplus funds in its treasury, and an annual income equal to, and for a few years past, in excess of its expenditures."

He recommended that Michigan no longer stand singly and alone opposed to the representative system, and his recommendation was adopted by the Grand Council; which we think was well advised and wisely followed.

In regard to the Rite in general he says:

"Since our last Annual Assembly, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, and Iowa have followed the lead of Mississippi, and the Grand Councils of those States are now numbered with the things of the past. North Carolina, California, Arkansas, and Nebraska, have taken preliminary steps for the dissolution of their Grand Councils, making in all nine Grand Councils that have committed suicide, or attempted it, in little more than a year. This is a fearful mortality, and threatens the utter destruction of the Cryptic Rite. It becomes the duty of every friend of Cryptic Masonry in times like the present, to stand firmly by our organization, and see to it that it is not betrayed by those placed in command, and whose duty it is to guard it with fervency and zeal.

"In most if not all of these jurisdictions, they have done worse than merely to abandon our beautiful and impressive Rite;—they have turned, or attempted to turn the degrees over to the Chapter, making them a kind of 'side show', to be conferred gratuitously on any Royal Arch Mason who may wish to receive them. And this has been done by Companions who have been honored by the members of the Cryptic Rite with the highest offices in their power to bestow. And one man, the late Grand Master of the late Grand Council of Illinois, after having betrayed his trust, and destroyed his Grand Council, is lauded to the skies

by these modern innovators, as being, to quote the exact language, 'The first man in that position (Most Illustrious Grand Master of a Grand Council) who had *nerve* enough to propose a union of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees.' Companions, during the war of the revolution, when our forefathers struggled for seven long years for their independence, we thank God that in all the length and breadth of the land, there was but one man who had *nerve* enough to surrender an important position to the enemy without striking a blow in its defence.

"If the degrees were only abandoned by these Grand Councils, but little damage would be done, because they could and would be resuscitated by better and more zealous craftsmen; the sound of the gavel would again be heard, and the broken arches would again be restored to their former beauty; but, not content with the desertion of their posts, they seek to degrade our beautiful Rite by making it a side show for the Chapter, and propose to allow the Chapter to confer our degrees upon all Royal Arch Masons, indiscriminately. And this they call '*Putting the Cryptic Rite under the protection of Capitular Masonry.*' By reason of this vicious legislation, many unworthy men will gain admission to the Secret Vault, and it will take many years of earnest labor, by zealous craftsmen, to restore the Councils to their original and rightful position, and purge them of the spurious material that will be thus introduced. But it will be done. Cryptic Masonry is founded on eternal truth, and will survive the assaults of enemies from without and misguided Companions from within.

'Truth crushed to earth will rise again;
'The eternal years of God are hers.'

"The time will surely come when order shall again be brought out of confusion; our Companions, the faithful Giblemites, the body of the Craft in those jurisdictions, will again meet in the Secret Vault, and in that sacred retreat, inculcate the noble tenets of our profession.

"Again, Companions, aside from the folly of this suicidal policy, it is in direct violation of well established principles of Masonic Jurisprudence. There is no power in any Grand Council to disband as long as a constitutional number of subordinates, usually three, can be found in the jurisdiction, that are willing to assume the responsibilities and burdens of carrying on and providing for the Grand Council. If three Councils can form a Grand Council, then, certainly, three Councils can maintain it. And if the charter of a Masonic Lodge cannot be surrendered as long as seven members object and are willing to support the Lodge, then, certainly, the charters of Councils which have been duly issued by a Grand Council, and for which the Grand Council has received a consideration, cannot be arbitrarily arrested or suspended by that Grand Council, without any fault upon the part of the subordinate, and for the sole reason that the Grand Council desires to go out of business. Neither have the representatives or delegates from the subordinate Council any power to authorize this thing to be done. They represent chartered organizations, and have no power as representatives to vote their organizations out of existence. This can only be done, except for good cause, by the local organizations themselves; and then only when a constitutional number cannot be found who are willing to perpetuate its existence.

"If all the subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction of a Grand Council, should thus vote themselves out of existence, and surrender their charters, or, if so many of them should do so as to leave less than a constitutional number of subordinate Councils within the jurisdiction, this would, of itself, disband the Grand Council; and, in my opinion, it is the only legitimate manner in which a Grand Council can be disorganized. And even then there would be no authority upon the part of either the subordinate or Grand Council, to transfer the degrees to any other organization, or to authorize or empower any other organization to confer them, but such degrees, so far as that jurisdiction was concerned, would become dormant, and remain so until revived by some legally authorized and duly constituted Grand Council. The attempt by the several disbanding Grand Councils to turn the degrees over to some other Masonic Body, is sacrilege, and

demands the most unqualified condemnation. If these Grand Councils are too indolent to maintain a separate existence, and desire to go into oblivion, and their subordinate Councils, in a proper manner, consent to this suicidal course, they have an undoubted right to do so; but they have no right to turn Cryptic Masonry over to any other Masonic Body, or to authorize, or attempt to authorize the conferring of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, in any other manner or form than that in which they received it, or by any other Body of Masons other than a Council of Royal and Select Masters, duly chartered by a legally constituted Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite."

His address covers twenty-two pages in the proceedings, and we would be glad to insert the whole of it in our report, as it shows much study and research, and expresses our views exactly; but we must be content with the foregoing. Would that all the Grand Councils were blessed with such Grand Masters as Companion Utley; then there would be no hinting at "Mississippi Plans."

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to merging the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, reported as follows; which was adopted by the Grand Council, with but one negative vote.

"To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

"Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. G. Master's address as relates to merging the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, would most respectfully report that they have given the matter a full and careful consideration, and find that the M. I. G. M. has so fully covered all the ground that there remains nought for us to do but most cordially concur in his statement of facts and conclusions, based, as we believe they are, upon sound Masonic doctrine and the best interest of Cryptic Masonry. We do therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the merging of the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, and declare that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of the Cryptic degrees, in their purity and sublimity, wherever such plan is adopted.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic degrees into the hands of any Grand Chapter, and will hold any Companion who receives the Cryptic degrees under such authority, as clandestinely made, and, as such, cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this Grand jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That Subordinate Councils are hereby interdicted from receiving or holding any Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Royal and Select Masters.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"H. SHAW NOBLE,
HUGH McCURDY."

The Committee on Finance reported \$1417.60 in the treasury.

Companion Andrew J. Utley M. Ill. Grand Master, claims the paternity of a most excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence. It covers one hundred and one pages in the proceedings. It is able and interesting, and all his criticisms are *sound*. He says it is his maiden effort, his *first born*, and modestly pleads that the Companions who may review it, in their comments and criticisms will be charitable. He excuses Companion Noble from all blame, and takes it all on himself. We are glad of it, for we are informed by one who knows, that

Companion Noble suffers much from sensitiveness; and it is well not to leave it to be inferred that he is the father of a child not really his own.

Companion Utley hath, indeed, produced work for which he needeth not to be ashamed—a beautiful specimen, which hath no spot or blemish on it.

We would like to quote largely from his report, but we have not, like Michigan, over a thousand dollars in our Grand Council treasury. We must, therefore, omit much that we would be glad to insert, and which we know would be interesting to the Companions.

He gives Minnesota eight pages in his report, quoting largely from Grand Master Cooley's address, and the report of your committee. He does us the honor to quote our conclusion in full, and then says,—

“Every word of which we endorse.”

He quotes our stanzas to Companion Carlovitz of Florida, and then adds:

“We readily grant that Companion Carlovitz is entitled to much credit for the able work done by him for Cryptic Masonry in the bright ‘land of flowers.’” But there are others in that far off land, who have done noble work for our beloved Rite; would it not be well to make honorable mention of them also? For this purpose we suggest the addition of the following stanzas:

“With Hallmark and Morrill and Calkins combined,
A Royal Grand Council, with wisdom and skill;
And Carlovitz, too, as Reporter we find,
To polish them up with his ‘scissors and quill.’

“Then hurrah! yes, hurrah! for the bright ‘land of flowers,’
Hurrah! for this quartette, with merry good will;
Hurrah! for brave Carlovitz, brother of ours!
Who uses so boldly his ‘scissors and quill.’

“How will that do, Companion Cooley? If satisfactory, shake!”

Here is our hand, Companion Utley, and our heart, too. We accept the amendment.

Yes, we'll take them all in, from the bright “land of flowers,”
From valley and plain, and from woodland and hill,
From the bright “Sunny South,” from the North's shady bowers;
But will yet stand by John, with his “scissors and quill.”

Though we are way up 'mong the fir and the pine tree,
And they are way down 'mong the oranges, still,
Our hearts are as one—just as near as they can be—
And we'll all do our best with the “scissors and quill.”

There are true, loyal hearts, both up here and down yonder,
'Mid the mild softening breeze and the cold winds that chill,
Who in sunshine and calm, and 'mid lightning and thunder,
Will stand by the helm, with the “scissors and quill.”

Extend, then, the chain; make it longer and wider;
Let the warm hand of friendship be grasped with good will—
Of Florida wine and of Michigan cider,
We'll drink to the knights of the “scissors and quill.”

Companion Utley gives a full history of the Cryptic degrees, in all the jurisdictions, as far as he is informed; which we would like to copy, but our limits will not permit.

Companion Hugh McCurdy of Corunna, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Garry B. Noble was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

All the light we have received from Mississippi in regard to Cryptic Masonry, has been through the Grand Chapter proceedings for 1879; and that light was but very dim. It would seem from the Grand Secretary's report to that Grand Body, that but few Chapters work the Cryptic degrees; that many Royal Arch Masons are not yet in possession of them. The Grand Secretary says:

"If our Grand Lecturer could visit and instruct the Chapters, these degrees would be generally worked. But a majority of the Chapters require instruction, also, in the Capitular degrees; and it is hoped that some plan will be devised that will justify our Grand Lecturer in giving at least a good share of his time to the work. The very style of the office indicates the dispensing of light; and there are many dark corners that should be illumined by his presence."

The Grand Chapter refused to provide for paying the Grand Lecturer; so those "dark corners" still remain unillumined.

Just as we expected. The old lady has to spend so much of her care and time upon her own family that she has none to devote to these poor orphans.

MISSOURI—1878.

Grand Council assembled at St. Louis, October 11th, 1878, and was presided over by Companion B. P. Bailey, D.: G.: M.: in the absence of Grand Master William K. Penick, who was prevented from being present on account of sickness in his family.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Grand Recorder. He reports but little interest taken in Council Masonry in Missouri, and thinks that the action taken by other Grand Councils is calculated to very much discourage the Companions of Mississippi, and others who have adopted their views. He says, that after reviewing the proceedings of other jurisdictions he cannot recommend the adoption of the "Mississippi Plan," or any other plan that would place the the Royal and Select degrees in the Chapters, while the Chapters confer the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

He closes by saying:

"In conclusion, Companions, permit me to express a hope that I will soon hear that the Grand Council of Missouri has decided not to transfer the beautiful degree of Cryptic Masonry to any other Masonic body, and that the Companions have renewed their determination to redouble their exertions to preserve the organization as it is."

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, recommended that that portion of the same referring to the transferring the degrees be referred to a special committee; which was done, and that committee made the following report; which was adopted:

"To the Grand Council of Missouri:

"Your committee to which was referred that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address on consolidation of the Council work with that of the Chapter, respectfully report that they have received information that the Grand

Chapter of Missouri has appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee of this body; and therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the aforesaid committee of the Grand Chapter, and to report at the next session of this Grand Council."

Companion J. W. Luke, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a very good report, in which he briefly reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1873 included. He says his report is of necessity brief in matter, on account of the lack of material furnished in the proceedings of sister Grand Councils out of which could be selected any items of general interest.

His "Finis" is good, and we can join hands with him as to a large part of it. We insert it in full, without comment:

FINIS.

"P. S.—We wish we could have concluded with the end, but cannot forbear a postscript. Throughout our review we avoided making any comments, though at times strongly tempted to do so. and upon consultation, the committee unanimously determined to add a few words, giving the ideas which suggested themselves as we read and wrote.

The cause of the apathy existing in so many Councils is attributed in the greatest measure to supineness on the part of Grand Officers. To some extent this is no doubt the case, if we are allowed to judge from reading addresses year after year, in which Grand Masters acknowledge that they have been unable to visit Subordinates, for reasons, satisfactory, of course, to them, but they hope that their successors will do better.

It seems to us that this is the effect and not the cause. Grand Officers and Illustrious Masters, when first inducted into office, are almost always determined to do something to rouse members to a greater interest in the Cryptic degrees; but, like all rash youths, they soon find that they overrated the task, and are gradually drawn into the meshes which have bound others who preceded them.

Laxity of discipline has, no doubt contributed solidly to the contemptuous indifference so prevalent; and if there is any course that would arouse the twenty-seven sleepers, it would be to weed out without delay, all drones from Subordinate Councils; strike from the rolls all Councils that did not show signs of renewed life, and if enough faithful ones were not found to form a Council, and enough Councils to constitute a Grand Council, let those that remain true consolidate with organizations that are alive. The idea of prerequisite we do not favor. It would be only making a gateway which must be passed through once for all; and in a few years we should only have added to the evils we are now complaining of, by an increased number of dummies, who have paid their fees, but nothing more."

Companion B. P. Bailey of Fulton, was elected M. V. H. Grand Master, and W. H. Mayo of St. Louis, was elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1878.

We often have wished all "Ahishars" were dead,

Or banished for aye to Alaska;

But now, it is said, that many instead,

Are sleeping way out in Nebraska.

We only can grieve, but still must believe;

And we bow down in deepest dejection;

Yet we hope and we pray, that come whatever may.

Soon there'll be a complete resurrection,

We learn by way of Companion Wm. R. Brown, Grand Recorder, that the Grand Council of Nebraska went to sleep in December last, and is now reposing in the bosom of the Grand Chapter. Yet the Grand Recorder says:

"Nevertheless, we have not burned our boats, and there be many who expect to again see those degrees conferred beyond the jurisdiction of Chapters."

So mote it be.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1878.

The seventeenth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Concord, May 18th, 1878.

Grand Master Henry P. Glidden, being absent, the Deputy Grand Master, Harvey L. Carrier, presided.

Five Subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand Master was read by the Grand Recorder. It refers to matters mostly of interest only in that jurisdiction, but shows that he has been active and faithful to the duties entrusted to his care.

He referred very appropriately to the decease of three beloved Companions, who had been true and faithful workers in the S.: V.:

Illustrious Companions John A. Harris, late Grand Recorder, Joseph W. Welch, and Lewis Woodman. Memorial pages in the proceedings were set apart to the departed Companions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, Trials and Appeals, submitted the following report.

"Peace reigns within our borders, and no question of law vexes our souls."

So mote it be.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported the present membership 715.

Companion Henry P. Glidden was re-elected M.: P.: Grand Master, and George P. Cleaves was elected Grand Recorder.

No Report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1879.

Annual Assembly, May 19, 1879, held at Concord.

Companion Henry P. Glidden, M.: P.: Grand Master, presided.

Five Subordinate Councils were represented; three not represented.

The address of the Grand Master is purely local.

Two of the bright lights in Masonry in that State were extinguished during the year, to wit, Andrew Jackson Thompson, Past M.: P.: Grand Master, who died April 26th, 1879, aged 46 years; and Abel Hutchins, Past Grand Recorder, who died December 11th, 1878, aged 50 years.

In closing his eloquent remarks concerning them, the Grand Master says:

"Thus, one by one, we pass away, and the places that know us will know us no more forever.

"Another hand is beckoning us on,
Another call is given,
And glows once more with angels' steps,
The path that leads to heaven."

Memorial pages were set apart in the proceedings to the memory of the deceased Companions.

Companion Harvey L. Currier, of Manchester, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion George P. Cleaves, of Concord, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No Report on Correspondence.

We have also received the reprint of the proceedings of this Grand Council from its organization, June 11, 1862, to May 18, 1870, inclusive; for which we are very thankful.

The Grand Council of New Hampshire has the true Masonic spirit. It believes in "making haste slowly," and in the good old conservative doctrine of "Let the bride wait till the bridegroom seeketh her." It don't believe in *Proselytism*, but *does* believe that entrance to the S. V. as well as to the Tabernacle and S. S. should be desired and sought for, rather than the apertures should all be thrown open, and all invited to come in. There were 27,000 Fellow Crafts employed at the building of the Temple, but only twenty-seven were assigned to labor upon the S. V.

The increase in New Hampshire from 1877 to 1878 is twenty-six—a good showing, and good enough.

CALIFORNIA—1878.

We get a glimmer of light from this Grand Council, by way of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1878.

It would seem from this *light* that Cryptic Masonry is in a sort of a transition state. Both bodies are willing, but don't really dare to unite until they find out what the General Grand Chapter will do about it. Have had their courtship; are ready to get married, but want the consent of the old folks. Don't believe in elopement. Very sensible, indeed.

NEW JERSEY—1878.

Tidings from this Grand Council by way of proceedings for 1878 and 1879, all contained under one cover.

The twentieth Annual Assembly was held at the city of Trenton, January 15th, 1878. Companion Cornelius Vreeland M. Ill. Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address was principally a report of his official acts, and showed that his office had been no sinecure,

The Grand Recorder reported the receipt by him of the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1877. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion George Scott was elected Grand Master, and Thomas J. Corson Grand Recorder.

1879.

Grand Council held at Trenton, January 21st, 1879. Twenty-first Annual Assembly. Grand Master Scott presided. Five subordinates represented.

The Grand Recorder was not able to be present, and submitted the following communication, which clearly shows that he is not only "sound upon the goose," but which *side* he is sound on.

"TRENTON, January 20th, 1879.

"*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of New Jersey:*

"DEAR B. B. AND ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS: For the first time in seventeen years, the place of your Grand Recorder will be found vacant upon calling the roll at this annual assembly. This is a most grievous disappointment to the incumbent of the office; but, as you all know, this absence from the post of duty is utterly unavoidable.

"My books and papers will be found so arranged that my proxy can easily understand them.

"Allow me, as one who feels a deep interest in Cryptic Masonry, and particularly in this Grand Body, to express an earnest hope that our Grand Council will not take any action with a view of disbanding as a distinct organization. Let us preserve our life and our independence, and let us avoid the degradation of humbly suing at the back door of the Grand Chapter, and beseeching that Grand Body to take us in and wet-nurse us into a sickly vitality. Better, vastly better, an honorable death than a cowardly surrender of life.

"Any service that the subscriber can render towards perpetuating our organization and infusing new life and vigor into the rite, will be most cheerfully performed. Let us all do what we can towards accomplishing this end, and Council Masonry will flourish and grow strong in New Jersey.

"Hoping that your deliberations and action at this annual assembly may be marked by that harmony, liberality, unanimity and devotion to the rite, which have characterized the proceedings of this Grand Council in former years,

I am most fraternally yours,

"THOMAS J. CORSON. *Grand Recorder.*
per HATTIE F. CORSON."

The Grand Master submitted a very able address. He expressed himself in strong terms in opposition to the surrendering of Grand Council organizations. He reported Cryptic Masonry in a very prosperous and healthy condition in New Jersey. He had been very active and successful in getting up a revival among the Subordinates. He urges very strongly upon all Councils, Grand and Subordinate, to select good officers, and those that are alive to the work. We would very much like to quote his address in full, but can't do it—must cut down. We will, however, *scissor* the following, which we deem too good to pass over. It accords with our own feelings:

"Companions, you have upheld Cryptic Masonry in the past—no great sacrifices are required in the future. In my correspondence with other jurisdictions, I have always maintained that New Jersey would never give up its control of the Cryptic Rite as an independent organization. I trust I shall be sustained in my remarks under this head. Before closing, I feel it my duty to impress upon you, and especially upon my successor, the necessity of working diligently

and faithfully to promote the interests of the Cryptic Rite. Let us determine that we can and will succeed, and the victory is half won. Among the members of this Council we have some of the most distinguished Masons to be found any where, men who have labored long and faithfully. There are pages in the history of Cryptic Masonry bright with the records of our predecessors, pages sacred to the memory of those who have labored with us and gone to their just reward; and with these records of the past spread before us, stimulating us to renewed exertions for the good of our Order, and reminding us of the labors and faithfulness of our departed Companions, let us, then, labor diligently to complete that inner temple for God's eternal praise, and be ready to sleep in peace, as the night cometh, when no man can work. In the words of the poet—

“ A nobler work we need not seek :
 To weld the broken links, to make the chain,
 As at the first entire. The mystic word to speak,
 That binds in loving fellowship again
 Brother to brother : stays the impassioned word ;
 Calms the fierce billows, erst in fury stirred ;
 The friendly deed in kindness to do ;
 Covering with love's fair mantle many a stain
 And sin and sear ; relieving pain ;
 Aiding the needy all our life-way through ;
 With God our helper, and our watchword Peace,
 Failing and laboring until labor cease.
 And filled is all the outline of the Master's plan,
 The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man.”

The Grand Recorder, Thomas J. Corson, acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, including our own for 1878. He expresses deep regret on his part, as reporter, that he was not able to give a review of the same, but says, “ A horrid monster yclept impecuniosity stands like a lion in the way,” and forbids. We regret it, too, for whatever Companion Corson “ touches he adorns.”

“ *Nullum quod tetigit non ornavit.*”

Companion Frank A. Fenton, of Camden, M. C. Ill. : Grand Master, and Companion Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

Since writing the foregoing we have received the *sad*, *SAD* news of the death of Companion Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey, whose demise occurred May 10th, 1879. His remains were conveyed to New Hope, Pennsylvania, and there interred with Masonic honors, May 13th, 1879. At the time of his death he was fifty-one years old. We never had met him. We only knew him through his very interesting reports on Foreign Correspondence. All that knew him set him down as a *good man* and a *true Mason*, as high a compliment as can be bestowed upon any man, and the highest tribute that any one could even desire to have paid to him after he is dead.

His column is broken ! No more we behold him,
 Adorning the pillars of beauty and love ;
 The gavel has sounded, the Master has called him
 From labor on earth to refreshment above.

NEW YORK—1878.

**"The wise and active conquer difficulties
By daring to attempt them: Moth and folly
Shiver and shrink at sight of toil and hazard,
And make the impossibility they fear."**

This Grand Council assembled in the city of New York, September 3d, 1878. Grand Master Osgoodby presided. Twenty - four Subordinate Councils were represented.

The address of Grand Master Osgoodby is a very interesting and instructive document. We cannot quote it all, although we feel the Companions ought to have the benefit of it. He pays a very fitting tribute to the memory of Companion John Atherton Harris, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, and Companion Frederick F. Driggs, Past Right Ill.: Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, who died, April 24th, 1878, at Dunkirk, New York.

He reports having performed many and various duties during the year, and that the pleasure he has experienced in the performance of the same has been a perfect and ample reward.

In speaking of the duties of Grand and Subordinate officers, he says:

"The duty of Grand officers as well as those in Subordinate Councils, is not wholly ornamental, although they are expected to ornament and magnify their position, and to do not only themselves honor and gain distinction, but to do honor to the cause in which and of which they are the chosen representatives. The millinery department of Masonry is not in the Council, and the Council is and ever will be just what your officers make of it. One good live worker in a Council is worth a regiment of 'Ahishars,' and if you allow your Grand Council or your Subordinate Councils to have their ranks filled with 'Ahishars,' then the end draweth near, and the funeral paraphernalia should be got in readiness for a 'respectable if not a gorgeous funeral,' and upon the monument to be erected let the inscription be,

"Ab suis amicis neglectum mortuum est."

In speaking of the condition of the Rite, he says:

"It is well known that several of the Grand Councils of sister jurisdictions have or are about turning over their rights and prerogatives to the Grand Chapters of their respective States, to hereafter control the Council degrees in their respective jurisdictions. This seems to me to be fatal to those bodies, and those who receive the degrees in Royal Arch Chapters will be clandestinely made, and as such will not be entitled to fellowship or recognition by us. The Grand Councils of Pennsylvania and of Louisiana have taken action accordingly, and revoked and cancelled the commissions of its representative to such Grand Councils as have taken this step and merged the Rite with the Chapters. I recommend the same action to you, and that this Grand Body place itself upon the same footing, and refuse to recognize such as are received and greeted to the Cryptic degrees under or by virtue of any Royal Arch Chapter. I understand that an appeal is to be made to the next General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to recognize and assume the control of these degrees. I recommend that this Grand Council enter its solemn protest against any such unwarrantable usurpation on the part of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and refuse to be

bound thereby, if such action be taken, and declare its non-affiliation with any and all who assume to confer or to receive their degrees by virtue thereof, and that a committee be appointed to defend and protect the interests and rights of Cryptic Masonry in reference thereto, and that my successor be empowered to recall commissions from its representatives to such jurisdictions as already have, or shall hereafter, take this unwarranted action."

His closing remarks we but quote, as they so well accord with our own views, and are so much better expressed. He says:

"And now, Illustrious Companions, what is the prospect? Can you, by the light of faith, with the works which we know have progressed and are approaching completion, see the dawning of a day of glory to our beautiful degrees? Or are your hearts downcast and your banners trailing in the dust? Gird on your armor, and do battle earnestly and nobly for the right. You know what is necessary for us to do, and upon your work and upon your action, and the action of its friends elsewhere, rests the responsibility. The eyes and hopes of our sister Grand Councils are fixed upon the work of this body, and if you falter or hesitate, and fail to give proper attention and labor to advance the interest and perpetuate the stability of this, the fairest portion of the entire grand Masonic edifice, the ruin of it becomes only a question of time. Are you willing to meet this responsibility and take the consequences? Then with you rests its completion or its downfall. And may the blessing of the Grand Master above, who has passed his approval upon this structure, rest upon you and your labors, and guide you in your deliberations and final action; and when the busy sounds of the Implements of the Select Workmen, and the hum of Industry in the Arches is heard throughout the length and breadth of the land, and you are finally called from labor to eternal rest and refreshment, having completed your good work, and the report of your stewardship rendered, may you be greeted with the welcome plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,' and the response from every Arch shall rise up in unison,—'So mote it be.'"

The Grand Recorder's Report shows a membership in good standing, of 2,443 names.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance on hand of \$239.43.

Charters were issued to two new Councils.

The Committee on Merging the Degrees of the Cryptic Rite with the Chapter Degrees, offered the following report; which was, on motion, received, and their recommendations adopted:

"*To the M.: P.: Grand Council of R.: and S.: M.: of the State of New York:*

"Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Address as alludes to the condition of the Cryptic Rite, and the efforts being made in other jurisdictions to transfer the rights and prerogatives over the Cryptic degrees into other hands, thereby surrendering and abandoning their several Grand Councils, respectfully report, that they have given a careful examination to the subject in all its bearings, and unanimously conclude to endorse the remarks, statements and recommendations of the Grand Master. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolutions for the consideration of this Grand Council and urge their adoption.

"*1st. Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorized to revoke the commissions of its present representatives to such Grand Councils as have taken action with a view to surrendering their power over the Cryptic degrees into the hands of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby refuses to recognize, as a lawfully entitled representative, any Companion with a commission issued by a Grand Royal Arch Chapter claiming authority over the Cryptic degrees.

"3d. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to protect the interests and rights of Cryptic Masonry against the encroachments now threatening the disruption of many Grand Councils, by an usurpation of authority coupled with an assumption of power not contemplated by the constitutions and usages of Cryptic Masonry.

"4th. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the so-called Mississippi plan, and declares that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of these degrees in their purity and sublimity, wherever such plan be adopted.

"5th. *Resolved*. That all delegates to the contemplated National Convention of Royal and Select Masters in the city of Detroit, in August, 1880, be respectfully urged to organize a concerted plan of action for the United States, with a view to perpetuate the Cryptic Rite in its purity, and also to establish uniformity in the Ritual of the degrees. And this Grand Council hereby requests the chairman of the National Convention held in Buffalo, in August, 1877, to call a meeting of representatives of the several Grand Councils who shall not have adopted the Mississippi plan, to be held at Detroit, in August, 1880, for a free interchange of opinions and action thereon.

"6th. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic degrees into the hands of any Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and also hereby declares that any person who receives the Cryptic degrees under such authority, are clandestinely made, and as such, cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this jurisdiction, neither as visitors or as applicants for affiliation.

Fraternally submitted,

"THOMAS GLIDDON,
R. C. CHRISTIANCE,
JOHN L. BROTHERS."

Committee.

The Committee on Finance recommended an appropriation of a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, from the funds of the Grand Council, for the purpose of procuring the portrait of Grand Master Osgoodby, for publication in the proceedings.

The Grand Master respectfully declined to furnish a photograph from which his portrait could be engraved, for the present, stating that he thought better use might be made of the funds of the Grand Council during the present crisis.

We can but admire the modesty and noble generosity of the Grand Master of New York. "His modesty bespeaks his merit."

Companion Charles G. Hudson submitted another of his *very* excellent Reports on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reports tidings from thirty Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1877, which he says he receives by way of Companion Henderson, of Kentucky; "which the same we cannot understand," as three copies of our proceedings for 1877, were directed and sent to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New York. We hope to have better luck next time.

Under the head of Connecticut he expresses our views exactly. He says:

"Companion Lee tells the truth, when he speaks of the burdens which competent officers have to bear. We have felt it ourselves. And it is a burden

When we were a young Mason, we filled too many places, and devoted too much time to the institution, but as we became older, we refused to hold any more positions than we could fill with convenience to ourselves, and do them justice. The advocates of the consolidation plan, among whom we do not reckon Companion Lee, err in thinking that the consolidation would afford any relief, except, perhaps, in the matter of expense, and here it would be very light. The consolidation of Councils with Chapters, or holding Councils under the authority of Chapters, would not lessen the burdens of officers. It would rather increase the labor of the High Priests. Those of us who have been High Priests for years know how great is the labor of that position, and how great is the tax upon the memory to retain the work, and be ready to prompt every officer; and to oblige the High Priests to learn the ritual of two additional degrees, would be a queer way to solve the problem. Nor would it take less of our time; for it seems to us it will take just as much time to open and close Councils, and do their work, under Chapter authority, as it would independently. The same reasons will apply with greater force in favor of the proposition to consolidate the Chapter with the Lodge. We think consolidation will work to the disadvantage of both Chapter and Council. It will not infuse more life into the Chapter, and it will lead to complications and difficulties; as witness the result in Texas, as shown forth in our extract from Companion Drummond, with reference to Texas.

"We think the remedy is not in allowing one Mason to hold so many positions. If he be competent, both he and the Craft should be satisfied with his occupying but one position a year. It would be a grand thing for universal Masonry, if the constitutions of the various bodies should prohibit any and every officer from holding more than one office at a time; and the fact that he held an office in one body should disqualify him from holding official position in any other body. This is the rule in civil matters, and it is a wise one. Such a rule might cause Masonry to be of slower growth, but that would be no detriment. We have always opposed too rapid increase of bodies and of membership; for it always results in reaction and injury. We prefer the slow but solid growth of the coral reef to that of the mushroom or Jonah's gourd."

His conclusion is so *very* good that we are inclined to *scissor* the whole of it, but will be content with the following:

"Let the Cryptic Rite be shut up to its own resources. Just so long as there is a prospect of any outside assistance, there will be suggestions, debates, wranglings, and lack of true prosperity. When the Grand Councils are obliged to settle back on the conclusion that they must stand or fall by themselves, they will buckle down to the work, and develop their resources and powers. We have no fear for the result. If any are not able to go on, we say let them disband honorably; and the future will produce those who can and will sustain the degrees. We believe in the survival of the fittest; and we would rather have only half a dozen good Grand Councils than a multitude of poor, halting, surrendering ones. Let us hold fast and be content to be such as we are, and do as well as we can.

We think any transfer of authority to the Grand Chapters is directly opposed to all the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. The Chapters have enough degrees now. It is difficult to find competent officers to work them now, and it will not lessen the difficulty to add two degrees more. It reduces the Council degrees to the level of side degrees, which will be neglected, poorly conferred, if not murdered. It will lead to complications and difficulties; as see our extract from the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest of Texas under our review of Maine. It will be but a few years before the Chapters will become weary of the degrees, and will throw them aside, or relinquish authority over them; as was done in Maryland.

"There will be no advantage in a less number of meetings and a less consumption of the time of the Companions.

"Many of the Grand Chapters are themselves in a feeble condition, languishing, and feeling the general depression. Many of them are in but a little better condition than the Grand Councils. To go to them is like the sick seeking health of the sick, or the poor asking alms of the poverty stricken, or the blind trusting in the guidance of those who cannot see. The whole idea we believe is fallacious and utterly mistaken.

"Another question is as to the status of Companions who receive the degrees in such appendant Councils. In Pennsylvania a resolution was adopted forbidding any Cryptic communication with such persons; in fact, declaring them clandestine. Your committee fail to see how they can be admitted to our Councils, or recognized in any way whatever.

"We especially desire that you would read the remarks of Companion Drummond, of Maine, quoted in our review of that jurisdiction.

"We, too, have been and are of the opinion that Masonry shares in the general condition of the country. When finances are depressed, we cannot expect many candidates. The only thing for us to do is to act as we do in business matters: hold fast, and wait for better times. Reactions always follow. The floodtide succeeds the ebb. Adversity gives way to prosperity. The worst, we say again, is past, and better days will be ours, if the Companions will only be content to wait, and drop this endless suggestion of change. Grand officers will discharge their full duty, even if they do not originate some new idea, or lead to some peculiar crochets.

"The sooner we realize that the Council can never become as large as the Lodge or Chapter, the better. We don't want any flood of candidates. We want quality rather than quantity, sound growth rather than unsound. We begin to think that the refusal of the Grand Encampment to place the Council Degrees in the regular line, is a blessing—in disguise, perhaps, but yet a blessing. If our request had been granted, we would have been overrun with a flood of candidates who would have used us as a stepping-stone only, and never cared for us afterwards, or come near us. Now, we know that such as do join us, do so from a true desire for Masonic light and information,

"Don't be afraid, Companions, to speak for the Council, and let its merits be known. The Masonic world at large knows too little of us. As we say so little about it, the idea goes abroad that the degrees are of little worth and of little importance. It is not realized that they are the summit and perfection of Masonry."

Memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings to Companions John Atherton Harris, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, and Frederick F. Driggs, Past R.: I.: D.: G.: Master of the Grand Council of New York.

Companion Geo. M. Osgoodby, of Buffalo, was re-elected Grand Master.

Companion Geo. Van Vliet, of New York, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Hudson is still chairman of the Foreign Correspondence committee.

NORTH CAROLINA—1878, 1879.

The proceedings for 1878 and 1879, come to us under one cover.

The fourteenth Annual Assembly was held in the town of Winston, June 6th, 1878.

Grand Master C. M. Van Orsdell, presided.

Three Subordinates represented.

The Grand Master made no written report, but stated that he had done nothing, and had no recommendations to make.

No report on Correspondence.

Companion C. M. Van Orsdell was re-elected Grand Master, and Donald W. Bain was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

1879.

The fifteenth Annual Assembly was held in the town of Durham, June 4th, 1879.

Grand Master Van Orsdell presided.

Three Subordinates represented.

The Grand Master's Address is condensed into twenty-five lines in the proceedings, and is simply an acknowledgment that he had done nothing, a confession that he has been sleeping at his post, and a cry for mercy:

"Companions: Another year has passed away, and is numbered with the things that were.

"The time has again arrived for our Annual Grand Convocation, when, through the All Merciful Providence of a Supreme Being, we are permitted to meet around our sacred altar, to renew and acknowledge our love and devotion to the sublimely beautiful principles of our time-honored institution.

"But alas! it is with a sad heart that I have to announce to you that Council Masonry has been so seriously affected by the universal financial depression of our State, that progress has entirely ceased.

"The past year has been one of entire inactivity, so far as I can learn, in all our Subordinate Councils, as well as our Grand Council.

"I have not one official act to report for the year, and our only hope is to keep up our organization until the return of prosperity, when I hope to see Council Masonry revive and become as flourishing as the green bay tree.

"Companions, I cannot close without offering my sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the kindnesses and undeserved partiality you have shown me, and the honors you have conferred on me since I first became a member of your Grand Body.

"I can only ask of you to throw the broad mantle of charity, which Masonry so beautifully teaches, over all failures to be what a Most Illustrious Master should be, and to look upon my errors as of the head and not of the heart.

"Companions, I most sincerely hope and pray that my successor in office will be endowed with wisdom and understanding to enable him to bring our Grand Council up to that eminence where it belongs."

Companion Sydney E. Allen was elected Grand Master, and Donald W. Bain was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1878.

Forty-eighth Grand Annual Communication was held in the city of Columbus, October 10th, 1878.

Companion Samuel W. Courtwright, Most Ill. Grand Master, presided.

Forty-nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted a full and complete report of his official acts. He reported perfect harmony prevailing; as no complaints of any kind had been preferred during the year. He also reported the Grand Treasurer as having

resigned during his term of office; he having met with such reverses in business as necessitated him to go into bankruptcy. He had in his hands moneys belonging to the Grand Council, amounting to \$342 65, which the Grand Council were obliged to prove up in the bankrupt court. The Grand Master thinks the loss to the Grand Council will be trifling. It seems that he had been Grand Treasurer for a series of years, and during the whole time had not given bonds; the Grand Council constitution not requiring it.

While we would not cast a single reflection upon the character or reputation of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Ohio, for we have no reason to doubt but what he is a good man, and probably never had the least intent of doing any wrong to the Grand Council; but the result teaches a lesson from which all may profit.

No Grand Treasurer of a Masonic body should so mix up the moneys received by him in his fiduciary capacity with his own. They should be kept entirely separate, so that whatever may happen to him, the funds are safe beyond the reach of his creditors. It is a sacred trust, and should not either directly or indirectly be betrayed.

The Grand Council adopted a resolution requiring the Treasurer to give bond in the sum of \$3,000.

A resolution was adopted requiring each Subordinate Council to give an expression relative to the consolidation of the Council degrees with those of the Chapter, to be reported at the next assembly of the Grand Council.

Companion Wm. M. Cunningham submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twelve Grand Councils, our own, for some inexplicable reason, not among the number. His report is short, covering only ten pages in the proceedings. His conclusion is in accordance with our own views. We quote it:

"In conclusion, the views of your own committee are so well known upon the vexed questions troubling the Rite, that it would seem useless to repeat them. Suffice it to say, that in the opinion of the writer, the demise of any Grand Council not having sufficient interest in Cryptic Masonry to maintain and support a distinct organization, is a blessing in disguise; and if Grand and Subordinate Councils will only place in office live, working Companions, who will discharge their duties with fidelity to the Craft and with credit to themselves, there would soon be no more wailing among the weak-kneed, but Cryptic Masonry would receive such an impetus that its enemies would be put to shame, and its detractors forever silenced. The growth of Cryptic Masonry since its first introduction into the United States, by officials of the Supreme Council of A. and A. Scottish Rites, is a matter of especial congratulation; and if we will but be true to ourselves and true to the Rite, and place our trust in the Divine Providence, success will be our reward."

Companion O. A. B. Senter, of Columbus, was elected Grand Master, and Companion John Day Caldwell, of Cincinnati, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ONTARIO.

Not a word from this jurisdiction since 1877. Not a line in answer to the many letters we have written.

How long we have watched, O ! How long we have waited,
 For tidings from him who is ever the way !
 How sad is our heart, when, our task near completed,
 Not a scrap, not a line, not a word does he say !
 O what has become of that blithe Grand Recorder?—
 Of Nixon, the earnest, the valliant, the brave—
 Is he still the proud Registrar, “over the border?”
 Or has he gone down to an untimely grave !

PENNSYLVANIA—1879.

The “Key Stone State” sends us greeting by way of the Grand Council Proceedings for 1879, contained in a purple covered pamphlet of seventy-five pages. The frontal page therein is adorned with the portrait of the present Grand Master, Mark Richards Muckle, and the 20th page with one of Past Grand Master, Geter C. Shidle; both noble craftsmen, and ably fitted to preside over the workers in the Secret Vault.

We must plead guilty to being somewhat tinctured with old fogysim, and have sometimes dared to think that those Companions who yielded to the prevailing *mania* of allowing their portraits to be used to embellish magazines and masonic newspapers, must be somewhat given to vanity; but, upon mature thought, we have changed *front*, for by this means only are we allowed to look upon the faces of those we have learned to love yet have never met face to face, and never expect to on this mundane sphere, but hope to meet in that “land that is fairer than day,” and which “by faith we can see afar;” so we say, all right, it is better thus. So mote it be.

Thirty-third Annual Assembly held February 19th, 1879, at Bethlehem.

Grand Master Mark Richards Muckle presided.

Eleven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a good one, but mainly refers to matters within that jurisdiction. The following we quote from his address, as being too good to pass over:

“I am, however, not altogether astonished at the apathy exhibited by members of Cryptic Masonry, in some localities in our own or sister jurisdictions, when I look about and behold that entire Grand Bodies permit themselves boldly with their subordinates to be engulfed or swallowed by mergerment (union, as they term it) into Grand Chapters, as has been instanced in the cases of the Grand Councils of Mississippi, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, and others. The old Keystone State stands firmly opposed to this action, and regrets such a suicidal course, which is without a shadow of right, either legally or morally. So with the same propriety might a Grand Lodge make a union with a Grand Chapter, or a Grand Chapter merge a commandery of Knights Templar, and *vice versa*.

If such a course is pursued, we must sever our fraternal relationship with them, and thereby debar the Companions who have been placed in the unenviable dilemma spoken of, from the privilege of visiting or affiliating with the Companions of our jurisdiction. As far back as the annual session of 1867, this Grand Council established the principle for its own government, “that the great good which Cryptic Masonry is accomplishing, by preserving the true and legitimate landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry, will forever eradicate the idea of dis-

banding or surrendering her power and authority to any other body of Masons." We should feel grateful at the success which has attended the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, from its reorganization in 1854 until the present time; working in grandest harmony, and without the least discordant element in its composition; free from all indebtedness, and blessed with an amply filled treasury, more than adequate for all necessary purposes: to this happy condition of affairs I have been an eye witness and an active participant upon the floor of the Grand Council for twenty-one years, and therefore speak from actual observation.

"Our present prosperous condition has, no doubt, been in a great measure the happy result of a scarceness of the inordinate, ill advised, and neck-breaking race ambition for office, which characterizes all the other branches of Masonry; the Grand Council having had but four Grand Masters to preside over its deliberations during the past twenty-four years."

The Grand Treasury appears to be "flush"; \$2,126.59 therein.

The Grand Recorder, Companion Meyer, submitted a very concise, complete and full report on Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, among which are ours for 1877 and 1878.

His opening remarks in regard to the Cryptic Rite, are very valuable, and ought to be in the hands of every Cryptic Mason. We would like to quote it in full—but Oh! "impecuniosity", we can't. But we will scissor the following:

"What we may have to say on the subject, we intend to speak as plainly and unmistakably as possible, denying any intention of wounding the feelings of any of the Illustrious Companions who may not think as we think.

"It has been claimed that Cryptic Masonry derived its life from Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and therefore they have the right to take again what they gave.

"It can be proven beyond a doubt that the Council degrees never did belong to or were in any way lawfully connected with Capitular Masonry. In one or two instances only a Chapter may have appropriated them, but never with any shadow of right.

"The Council degrees (that is, the Royal and Select Master's degrees) were conferred as early as February, 1783, in Charleston, South Carolina, under the authority of the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection (Scottish Rite), meeting there; and the Scottish Rite has given life, directly or indirectly, to every Grand Council in this country. Thus in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee, all commenced work under the authority derived almost direct from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

The merging or surrendering of the degrees of the Council to the Chapter, is not a new question. It was discussed ably and with much warmth in 1850, when the matter was further advanced than it is or can be to-day. The subject was then brought before the General Grand Chapter, at its meeting in Boston, Mass., when, on motion of Comp. Hoarce Goodwin of Connecticut, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of forming a General Grand Council for the Royal and Select Masters' degree in the United States."

"At the same session, the following report was made:

"Comp. Stevenson, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the Royal and Select Master's degrees, reported verbally, that, in the opinion of the committee, it is inexpedient for this General Grand Chapter to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; which report was adopted."

"At the session of 1853, the following was reported, and we desire to call the attention of the companions to the names of those who signed the report:

"Comp. Lewis, of New York, from the committee on the Royal and Select Master's degrees, made the following report:

"*To the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the United States:*

"The undersigned, a special committee, to whom was referred the subject of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, commonly called the Council degrees, respectfully report:

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"The important question is that of jurisdiction, and to that single point we have directed attention. We have not aimed to reconcile contending claims, as, from the conclusion to which we have arrived, it is not necessary. We regret to state that past action and past legislation on the part of this Most Excellent Body, has given rise to many misapprehensions, and induced the belief that the Royal and Select Master's degrees were within the pale of the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry, and hence, looking at this body as the common head, Grand Chapters and subordinates of this body have come to the conclusion that they were under their control where Councils did not exist.

"But when we come to trace the common source of title, we are unable to discover how this body has or ever had any rightful jurisdiction over them; and it must be borne in mind that it is incumbent on this body to prove title affirmatively and conclusively, and not to rely upon the weakness of the title of any other claimant. We think there will be found an utter failure of proof on this point. And when we examine the General Grand Constitution, and find no allusion to these degrees, and, on the contrary, a distinct recognition of the four degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, and those alone, and that Companion Royal Arch Masons are affiliated with us throughout the land, without reference to their possession of them, we are irresistibly led to the conclusion that no governmental jurisdiction in Royal Arch Masonry has any control over them. And if this strong position needed any confirmation in the existing state of things in the Fraternity, we shall find that in those States where they are cultivated to any considerable extent, they are under the government of Councils, where these degrees and no others are conferred; and there we are content to leave them.

"The conclusions to which we have arrived will render it unnecessary for us to examine any of the other questions which have grown out of the discussions relative to these degrees: for if we have no jurisdiction we have no right to pass upon them; and we do not here assume to state who has jurisdiction, but only to state that in our judgment, we have not. The subject has been examined so thoroughly and elaborately, and the features of it have been so fully canvassed by the whole Fraternity that we have not deemed it expedient to recapitulate any of the various positions which have been taken, or to defend or deny them. We trust that this most excellent body will concur with us in opinion, that the demands of justice and the claims of expediency both require a settlement of the whole matter, and that it be hereafter excluded from the consideration of the Royal Arch Masons as such.

"We subjoin the following resolutions, expressive of our conclusions, for the consideration of the General Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry affiliated with, and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government or working of those degrees while in their present position.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

"JOHN L. LEWIS, JR.,

"EDWARD A. RAYMOND,

"J. A. D. JOSLIN,

"PHILIP T. SCHLEY,

"AMAND P. PFISTER.

"Lexington, September 16, 1853.

"The question was stated on agreeing to said resolutions, when Comp. Gilman, of Maryland, moved that they be laid upon the table; which motion was disagreed to. The resolutions were then considered and agreed to."

"The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, 1853, from which we quote, says (Art. I. Sec. 9):

"The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so-called, degrees."

"And again, under the head of Miscellaneous (Sec. 2), an obligation of fealty was required for every officer and companion subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. The obligation was as follows:

"The officers of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation:

"I, A. B., do promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

"The following Grand Councils having surrendered their powers to Grand Chapters, and as the latter are obligated to support and maintain the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and have now accepted the Council degrees, and require that the Royal Arch Masons under their jurisdiction shall recognize them as part of their system, in our opinion they are placed in rather embarrassing positions, if we can read and understand the English language correctly:

"The Grand Council of

Arkansas, at last report had 191 members, was organized 1860, by Supreme Council;

North Carolina, at last report, had 125 members, was organized 1822—1860, by Supreme Council;

Mississippi, at last report, had 400 members, was organized 1856, by Supreme Council;

Kentucky, at last report, has 2,000 members, was organized 1827, by Supreme Council;

Illinois, at last report, had 1,607 members, was organized 1853, by Kentucky.

Missouri, at last report, had 363 members, was organized 1867, by Illinois.

Iowa, at last report, had 437 members, was organized 1857, by Illinois.

Wisconsin, at last report, had 399 members, was organized 1857, by Ohio.

California, at last report, had — members, was organized 1860, by Tennessee and Texas.

Nebraska, at last report, had 180 members, was organized 1874.

"Any one who has received the Council degrees must know full well that he is not permitted by his ob. to be present at the conferring of the degrees of the Council, except within a regularly warranted and legally constituted Council.

"Chapters of Royal Arch Masons cannot lawfully issue warrants to confer the Royal and Select Master's degrees; therefore, everything done under such illegal warrant is clandestine, and Masons so made cannot be recognized in any other manner or form than as clandestines.

"Grand Councils cannot transfer their rights to an inferior body of Masons, and allow them to confer their degrees. They can die and cease to exist, but they cannot give authority over that which is not exclusively their own, but as common property belongs to all Grand Councils.

"From the very learned report by Ills. Comp. Albert Pike, to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, in 1853, we quote the following:

“If the General Grand or Grand Chapters *must* have these degrees, it will be far better and more straightforward to do so as an act justified by necessity, and not on any pretence of title. For it seems to your committee that, as has been said by very high authority, ‘The proposition to give the jurisdiction of Councils of Royal and Select Masters to Grand Chapters, embraces one of the greatest Masonic absurdities which could, by any possibility, be presented to the mind.’ It was well stated by the Grand High Priest of Michigan, in his address to the Grand Chapter of that State, in January last, that the degrees of Royal and Select Master could not properly be conferred on any one, until he had received the Royal Arch, and that no Grand Chapter pretends to know what is transacted in any assemblage of Masons above the Royal Arch. How, then, could they assume jurisdiction over that which they do not possess? And he pertinently says: ‘Let us for one moment suppose a case (which is not very improbable), that this Grand Chapter elect a Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, neither of whom is possessed of the Council degrees. During their administration, application is made to one or the other for a dispensation or charter (as the case may be) to form a Council within our jurisdiction. Who is going to install the officers of the new Council, as is required by the constitution, the officers of the Grand Chapter? Clearly not. Although they have given them life, they cannot penetrate their council chamber, to set them in motion or give them instruction. Again, suppose one of their members should, for some misdemeanor peculiarly applicable to those degrees, be tried and expelled. He appeals to this Grand Chapter, it being the only Superior Tribunal. How are *we* to know whether he has violated any of his engagements in the Council, or not? And how can *we* judge between the accusers and the accused, not knowing anything about the degrees?’—*S. & W. Mas. Misc.*, Vol. 4, p. 189.

“And suppose this Grand Chapter declares that it authorizes the Subordinate Chapters to confer the Council degrees. It must direct whether they shall be conferred before or after the Royal Arch. If *before*, as seems to be the notion of some Chapters that they should, will the Grand Chapter declare that they shall be a necessary pre-requisite to the degree of Royal Arch? If so, here is a clear innovation; for it never has been held, anywhere, that they must *necessarily* be so taken. Besides, this would at once impose on every member of the Grand Chapter the necessity of obtaining the degrees, that he might be competent to decide questions arising in regard to them. Suppose a particular companion, member of the Grand Chapter when this new law is enacted, even the Grand Master himself, declines to obtain them; how will you compel him to do so? On the other hand, if they are not made pre-requisites, though to be taken before, if at all, and if it is left optional with each person to take them or not before receiving the Royal Arch, they become mere honorary side degrees, like the Mediterranean Pass.

“If the Grand Chapter enacts that they shall be taken *after* the Royal Arch, then they are *higher* degrees, and you disqualify every companion who does not take them to sit in a Grand or Subordinate Chapter.”

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, at its Convocation in September, 1852, very forcibly said:

“Certain it is that the State Councils, and the Councils holding under them, and the 33d, never will acknowledge, either directly or indirectly, the authority of the General or State Grand Chapters over these beautiful and indispensable degrees. With just as much reason can the Fellow Craft capture the Mark and make it part of itself—can the Master’s degree capture the Mark, Royal Arch, Royal and Select Master’s, one and all, make them, with itself, one huge but splendid degree, as for the Royal Arch to reduce the Council degrees to its jurisdiction. The degrees of Master and Royal Arch, as well as the degrees of Master and Select, have much more intimate connection with and reference to each other, than the degrees of Royal Arch and Select. *Losing, finding, place* and *why*, are different ideas, and yet may all, and generally do have a most intimate

connection with each other. Nothing is more to be deprecated in Masonry than conflict of jurisdiction. There ought to be one common level.'

"In the conclusion of that committee, however, that the State Grand Councils are the *source* of authority, this committee does not concur. They are creations of the Subordinate Councils, invested with a *delegated* power. It is true that they act independently of the Supreme Councils, precisely as the State Grand Lodges become independent of the Grand Lodge from which their subordinates originally procured their charters. But it remains not the less true that the degrees came from the Scotch Rite, of which the Supreme Councils are, each within its jurisdiction, the undisputed head.

"The Grand Chapter of Kentucky holds that the General Grand Chapter has no power to decide whether the Royal and Select Master's degrees are constitutional or otherwise; as they come properly after, and are above the Royal Arch, and properly belong to separately organized Councils.

"The Grand Chapter of Missouri considers that the Grand Chapters can have no actual practical jurisdiction over Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and has withdrawn the jurisdiction from its own subordinates. The Grand Chapter of Illinois has done the same.

"The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in January, 1852, passed a resolution advising all Royal Arch Masons within its jurisdiction not to receive the Council degrees, except from a legally constituted Council.

"Time has created these distinct organizations. The York Rite has seen Chapter Masonry secede from it, organize and set up for itself. The Supreme Councils have seen the Royal and Select Masters establish Grand Councils, and decline allegiance to the power whence they derived their existence. Many years since, the same process was going on. Masonry divided itself into different Rites and jurisdictions, each within its own train of degrees, as peoples organize themselves into political communities. Time has confirmed each in its respective possessions, and prescription has ripened possession into title. It has become Masonic law (if there is any such thing as Masonic law) that it is clandestine and unmasonic to invade another jurisdiction, or intermeddle with degrees to which such other jurisdiction has either original title or long-continued possession. No one encroaches on Royal Arch Masonry. The borders of her jurisdiction are at peace. She has to build no forts and man no walls to keep off any invader. Why, then, should she put forth her hand to take that which is not hers? *She is even now engaged in a work of restitution.* in yielding up the Past Master's degree to the Grand Lodge. Thou shalt not covet—*anything* that is thy neighbor's. Cursed is he that removeth his neighbor's landmark.

"Whatever may be the action of one or all of the Grand Chapters, or of the General Grand Chapter itself, all regular Council Masons, and we among the number, will ever regard those who receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a Chapter as clandestine, until they are healed. We shall never be present when those degrees are conferred in a chapter; and, in all respects, all Council Masons will, under all circumstances and at all hazards, preserve their allegiance to the Grand or Supreme Council, to which it of right belongs.

"One thing, of course, is clear: that a Council would no more recognize a Royal and Select Master made in a Chapter, than a Chapter would recognize a Royal Arch Mason made in a Council or consistory of the Scotch Rite."

"Such were the opinions of the most able Masonic scholar and jurist of the day.

"It may now be well to examine a few of the many questions which will arise under this new departure:

"Can a Grand body of a so-called higher degree surrender all its rights and privileges to a body of an inferior degree?"

"Taking Cryptic Masonry as we find it now arranged, and not looking at the historical position in the rite, all will agree that no superior Grand Body can surrender one jot or tittle to a subordinate body.

"In case the Grand Chapters should accept of this surrender, can they compel their members to take the degrees?"

"Most undoubtedly not. There are at present some 135,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States, of which number not more than 30,000 have any knowledge of the Council degrees. There are, therefore, over 100,000 Royal Arch Masons who will be required to take these degrees, *volens volens*, if this new idea is carried out; and they will also be permitted to vote upon a subject of which they are as ignorant as a little child.

"We are satisfied that Cryptic Masonry is not declining, as some would have us believe. A careful study of the proceedings reviewed will reveal the fact that Cryptic Masonry has not decreased in as large a ratio as Blue or Capitular Masonry. More interest is being manifested by the friends of the cause. In nearly every case the returns are regularly made, and the dues and fees honestly paid.

"There is as bright a future before it as for the Craft, or Capitular or Chivalric Masonry, and that without the intercession of any other organization."

Well we have gone and done it, after all. Forgive us; we could not help it. He gives Minnesota a good share of his time, quoting from our Grand Master and the report of your committee. He compliments us by quoting all of our "summed up."

Companion Mark Richards Muckle was re-elected G. M. and Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder.

When we approached to manhood's prime,
And manhood's cares came thick upon us,
We felt convinced it was the time
To go for Polk and George M. Dallas.
But now our locks are getting white,
Our brow is wrinkled much with care,
And as we love the Cryptic Rite,
We'll go for Muck'e and for Meyer.

Then sound the tocsin far and near,
On highest hill and lowest valley,
With bugle notes, with song and cheer,
And 'round the Cryptic banner rally.
Fling out the canvas to the breeze,
And let it proudly flutter there;
We can but win with such as these—
With such as Muckle and with Meyer.

RHODE ISLAND—CIRCULAR.

Grand Council assembled at Providence, March 10th, 1879. It was the nineteenth Annual Assembly.

Companion Amos A. Pevey was elected Most Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Wm. R. Greene, of Providence, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

It was decided not to print the proceedings this year.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1877, 1878.

We receive the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1877 and 1878, under one cover. The assemblies for both years were held at the city of Charleston; the former on the 14th day of February, 1877, and the latter on the 15th day of February, 1878. The former was presided over by Companion Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M.: I.: G.: Master.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, reporting having done nothing during the year. We quote the following, which we deem the whole truth:

“Illustrious Companions: Another year has been added to the past. Commencing from various circumstances, with the bright promise of a Sabbath year to our broad land, high hopes were indulged of returning prosperity and of greater harmony. But its evening fell in greater gloom than has for a long time been experienced. Commerce paralyzed, the people deeply stirred by exciting causes, a feeling of unrest, uneasiness and anxiety pervaded the country from its one end to the other. Whatever cause may agitate a community, is sure to be felt in all its component parts. Masons are but men and parts of the community. Within their Lodge or Council rooms, the monetary pressure which bears upon the business relations of life, must inevitably be felt, and the stern wants of daily bread must be reflected in diminished treasuries. The anxieties and perplexities which surround the citizen, must, even within the silence and secrecy of the Arches, bear heavily upon the workmen. And such has been the case throughout all parts of the United States during the past year. Happily, the teachings of Masonry prevent the angry feeling and strife which is elsewhere had, and I can therefore congratulate you, that within ourselves there has been peace and brotherly charity. But, alas, I am unable to say to you that prosperity prevails within our borders. So far as I am advised, the Councils within this jurisdiction, while making immaterial, if any, progress, have yet not lost. Let me, however, say, that in the purposes which they are designed to fulfill, we are rich, even in the midst of financial trouble, we are prosperous even in the midst of perplexities. The pursuit of truth, and the cultivation of that charity, which is forbearance, toleration, and fraternal love, has been continued, and our wages, however small in amount, have been ample in preserving the spirit which hopeth all things, and thinketh no evil.”

He is not in favor of making the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to those of Knighthood. In speaking of the proposition he says:

“The Cryptic degrees are component parts of Blue and Capitular Masonry, and the Red Cross degree may possibly be regarded as nearly connected with Capitular Masonry, but I am at a loss to perceive the necessary relation which either Blue, or Capitular or Cryptic Masonry bears to the Knight Templar. It appears to me, therefore, to be a better course to rely upon Cryptic Masonry as the completion of its sequence of degrees, rather than to seek to gain strength for it in the manner above referred to. It is a beautiful sequence of Blue and Capitular Masonry, and the earnest searcher after truth, as it is taught in Masonry, will be amply compensated by completing the circle. Cryptic Masonry should therefore be reliant upon its own merits, and not seek foreign support. I venture to say so much with great diffidence, because it expresses views so contrary to those expressed by eminent Masonic authorities; but I should be derelict to the duties of Grand Master in this jurisdiction of Cryptic Masons, did I fail to express opinions in maintenance of the position which should be taken by this branch of Masonry.”

The business was purely local.

The Grand Master submitted a carefully written report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1876.

Companion Wilmot G. DeSaussure was re-elected Grand Master.

Companion A. Lindstrom was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

1878.

This Annual Assembly was also presided over by Grand Master DeSaussure. Six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address contains nothing of special interest; shows a doubt in his mind whether the Grand Councils can be maintained, and leans somewhat towards the idea of turning them over to the Chapter. Nothing was done during the year. The Grand Recorder moved out of the jurisdiction; the Grand Master was away a good share of the time, and, of course, the Grand Council weakened, and appointed a committee of conference with reference to turning the degrees over to the Chapter.

The Grand Master acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1877, but no review of the same was presented.

Companion W. H. D. Guillard, of Pendleton, was elected Grand Master.

Companion Zimmerman Davis was elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1878.

The twenty-ninth Annual Assembly was held at Nashville, November 14th, 1878.

Companion Bradford Nichol, Most Ill. G. M., presided.

Twenty Subordinate Councils represented; twenty-four not represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, very feelingly refers to the terrible scourge that invaded that jurisdiction during the period since the last Assembly, and swept away so many beloved Companions. He pays an eloquent tribute to the memory of Companions John F. Slover, Grand Captain of the Guard, who died August 19th, 1878; A. J. Wheeler, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Georgia near the Grand Council of Tennessee, and Ed. Marsham, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas near the Grand Council of Tennessee.

Memorial pages in the proceedings are inscribed to their memory.

The Grand Master immediately upon taking the gavel, deeming the office something more than a sinecure, went to work in right good earnest, and was pleased to find at the end of the year, much good fruit brought forth as the result of his labors. For the purpose of showing what work will do, we clip the following from his address:

"The correspondence for the term just expiring has been very voluminous, and I may say in the greatest degree pleasant and satisfactory. Time would fail

in giving mention to the various suggestions and themes brought out; still, I shall take a cursory glance thereat.

"On December 25th, I forwarded a circular letter to every Council of this jurisdiction, as well as many prominent Companions of the craft, setting forth the facts:

1st. The suspension of Sec. 7, Art. 6, of our Constitution.

2d. Dispensations for new Councils, how obtained.

3d. The liberality of Grand Council toward delinquent Subordinate bodies.

4th. Notice of authority vested in me to appoint a Grand Lecturer.

"In this communication I asked the full and free confidence of the Companions, begging that they make known their necessities, and pledging the heartiest co-operation of the Grand Officers, in an effort to revivify Cryptic Masonry.

"In answer to this communication I received about fifty-three or fifty-four responses, and am proud to state that with but three exceptions, all spoke cheerfully, and promised renewed efforts.

"On March 11th, 1878, I duly commissioned Companion Pitkin C. Wright, a worthy and well-informed Companion, as Grand Lecturer. He, I am glad to inform you, has fulfilled my every desire. The magnitude of his labor, which has not cost this Grand body a solitary cent, will be somewhat appreciated when we listen to his report as Grand Lecturer to me; which report I embrace as part of this message, since quite an amount of useful information is brought out, of peculiar interest to our Order. It is as follows:

To Bradford Nichol, M.: I.: G.: M.: of Tennessee:

"Most Illustrious Companion; since receiving your commission as Grand Lecturer, I have, to the best of my ability, endeavored to perform the duties of that high and honorable position.

"I have visited most of the places in Middle and East Tennessee where Councils are located; and while, in consequence of the great depression in business, and other causes, I have not been able to cause the work to be exemplified on actual candidates, in but a very limited number of instances, I have, in nearly all of them, either met with the Companions at a called meeting, or with the officers, for discussion and instruction. When I have not found them qualified to perform the work, have instructed them, and in several instances corrected their irregularities.

"I have found them, all things considered, in as prosperous a condition as could be expected.

"I have, in one or two instances, persuaded those that were faint-hearted, and disposed to abandon their organizations, to take courage and endeavor to rebuild their almost ruined altars.

"I have in most places presented the suggestion of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, that the Council hold its regular meetings the same night as the stated meeting of the Chapter, and directly thereafter, to save the time and expense of a separate meeting, and in every case found this proposition received with favor. From all I have seen I am constrained to believe that with the return of business prosperity and activity to the State, the Councils will, more than any other of the members of our great Masonic family, feel its effects; and then our fallen arches will be restored, our broken altars again set up and adorned, and Cryptic Masonry take the place that it ought to hold among us. Thus these most beautiful and instructive of all the degrees of Masonry again receive that attention every thinking, studying brother knows they are entitled to, and which our present Grand Officers have wrought so perseveringly to obtain for them.

"I greatly regret that I have not been able to do more for this beautiful rite during the time I have held your commission, but the great depression of business during the early summer, and then the cessation of Masonic work caused by the terrible scourge which has wasted our loved State, has prevented, and will, I am sure, be accepted as an excuse for my shortcomings. I must return my sincere thanks to the Companions of the various Councils I have met, for the con-

stant and uniform courtesy and fraternal kindness shown me as Grand Lecturer of this Grand Body.

“I am fraternally yours,

PITKIN C. WRIGHT,
Grand Lecturer.’ ”

He recommends that the office of Grand Lecturer be retained. He says, that from all personal information he is led to believe our Order is on rising ground, pushing silently but steadily forward.

One new Council chartered.

Thus we see what live officers can do, and what earnest work will accomplish. Let us profit by the example of the Grand Council of Tennessee.

Companion Benjamin R. Harris, of Jackson, Most Ill. Grand Master.

Companion John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Recorder.

No report on Correspondence.

TEXAS.

We learn by way of Companion W. F. Swain, chairman of the Committee on Work in the Grand Chapter of Texas, how the Cryptic degrees are conferred in that State.

About fourteen years ago Cryptic Masons got very much discouraged in that jurisdiction, and by a “Concordat” of Grand Council and Grand Chapter, the Council degrees were turned over to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. The title acquired by virtue of the Concordat, was that of custodian and guardian of the Subordinate Councils. By it the degrees of Royal and Select Master were only to be conferred in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, appendant to the Subordinate Chapters. No Royal Arch Chapter within that jurisdiction can confer within its bosom the Royal and Select Master's degrees. The Council is no part of the Chapter. So far as the work is concerned it is a distinct body. A candidate puts into the Chapter his petition for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees. That petition includes not only the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch, but also the degrees of Royal and Select Master. He pays for all the degrees at once, and, if elected, is duly elected to receive the whole. After he has received the Royal Arch degree in the Chapter, he may receive the Royal and Select Master degrees if he so desire; *no compulsion about it*. His standing as a Royal Arch Mason is not at all affected by it one way or another. It is left entirely to his *own free will and accord*. But should he so desire, a Council meeting is called, opened in due form, *Old Style*; the Royal and Select Master's degrees conferred, and Council closed in form. The Chapter has nothing to do with the work, but yet is the custodian of the whole business.

The officers of the Chapter may or may not be the officers of the Council. In case they have taken the Council degrees, then they are *ex officio* the officers of the Council; but if they have not taken the Council degrees, then the members of the Council elect their officers. In those places where Councils existed prior to the Concordat, the larger portion of Royal Arch Masons have received the

Cryptic degrees; but in those places where no Councils existed, but very few ever get them. The Cryptic degrees are not pre-requisite to the Chivalric, in Texas.

Whatever the advantage be,
We must confess we fail to see.

VERMONT—1878.

The twenty-fifth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington on the eleventh day of June, 1878.

Grand Master Albert Conkling Hubbell presided.

Fourteen Subordinate Councils represented; being all that had charters.

The Grand Master's address is a very excellent one. He commences with the following eloquent language:

"We have reached another milestone in our journey. Let us pause for a moment, as we look back over the way we have passed. Travelers who describe pedestrian tours in oriental countries, tell us how frequently they meet with the crosses erected by the wayside. Some mark lonely graves, others are shrines, where the devout reverently kneel and count their beads, or murmur inarticulate prayers to their patron saint. Thus the years which make up many of our lives are marked by crosses. Some gleam by graves where for a time heart and life seem buried. Others mark a lonely Gethsemane, unseen by those who pass, where the soul has passed through a conflict with only One to watch; but He has given the victory. Let us not be forgetful that the inexorable angel of Death has penetrated to the Ninth Arch, passing silently by the sleeping guards, and removed from our number the zealous friends, the tried and true of our select Order."

After giving a full and complete statement of his official acts during the year, he quotes largely from the addresses of the Grand Masters of Arkansas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Louisiana, and then closes by saying:

"I have thus quoted, at some length, the feelings and expressions of several Grand Councils, for the information and encouragement of this Grand Body. I feel to congratulate ourselves that Cryptic Masonry is advancing, and that the sacred treasures of the S. V. are safe and secure, and that with earnest effort on the part of every Grand Council, combined with our own devoted personal efforts in the same direction, we may yet secure for the Cryptic degrees that recognition by the Grand Encampment which so justly and legally belongs to them, thereby placing them in their proper position in the American system of Masonry. Oh! then, my companions, to accomplish this,

"In the morning sow thy seed, nor stay thy hand at evening hour,
Never asking which shall prosper; both may yield the fruit and flower.
Thou shalt reap of that thou sowest, though thy grain be small and bare.
God shall clothe it as he pleases for the harvest full and fair.
Though it sink in turbid waters, hidden from thy yearning sight,
It shall spring in strength and beauty ripening in celestial light."

"Let us, then, persevere in this glorious work committed to us, using every Masonic and laudable endeavor to obtain that recognition which is so justly ours. For myself, my heart is in the work. I love Cryptic Masonry, and the little ability, even the one talent committed to my keeping, shall be devoted with more earnestness, in the future, to the elevation, advancement and recognition of our beloved Order. And now, with the consciousness of having endeavored, to the best of my ability, to perform the duties you have imposed upon me for the past

two years, if I have erred in my construction of duty and work, let me assure you the errors were from the head; from my heart, never. Sincerely thanking you for the uniform kindness and consideration which has been so profusely bestowed upon me while holding this honored and exalted position, which I shall so soon resign to another of your choice, (and I again become a working member in the Ninth Arch, in common with you,) yet in my retirement I shall carry with me, engraved upon the tablets of a grateful heart, the loving remembrance of each and all. And when this heart shall cease its yearnings, and this tongue can no longer utter words of cheer and encouragement, oh! then, let the memory of what I have endeavored to do, and would gladly have accomplished for our beloved Order, were it in my power, verify the fact that I have at least tried to be a faithful worker in the S. V."

The Committee on Finance reported a balance of \$145 in the Grand Treasury. Three new Councils chartered.

Companion William H. S. Whitcomb submitted an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Minnesota, for some reason, not having reached him. We quote the following from his conclusion:

"We cannot well close this report without the repetition of our hobby, *work, WORK, WORK!* Our wisest counsellors urge it. Our oldest Companions tell us it is the "secret of success." We have tried it faithfully the year past, and proved it. Dear Companions of Guild, let us take up that theme, and with such measure of ability as we are masters of, urge the simple and homely remedy of action. Ask the discouraged to try it. Ask the grumbler to keep still long enough for the rest to try it. Ask, above all, every fainting heart to see what the workers are doing.

"Soon or late to all our dwellings, come the phantoms of the mind,
Doubts and fears and grim forebodings, in the darkness undefined.
Round us throng the grim projections of the heart and of the brain,
And our boasted strength is weakness, and our cunning hand is vain.
In the dark we cry like children, but no answer from on high
Breaks the crystal spheres of silence, and no white wings downward fly;
Yet the heavenly help we pray for, comes to faith and not to sight,
And our prayers themselves drive backward all the phantoms of the night.

"Companions, let us pledge ourselves anew for another year of work."

We would that all Grand Councils and Grand officers would take pattern from Vermont; then we might soon expect the time to approach when such words and phrases as "indifference," "want of interest," "lethargy," and "apathy," could not be found in any of the Grand Council proceedings; and none would be found seeking a burying place in which to inter the Cryptic degrees.

Albert Conkling Hubbell, of Bennington, re-elected M. . Ill. . Grand Master. Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1879.

As usual, we are greeted with a beautiful specimen of work from this Grand Council. We expected no less, for we knew that the Companions of Vermont always grasped at perfection, and generally reached it.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly was held at Burlington, June 10th, 1879. Companion Albert Conkling Hubbell, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Councils represented; being all the chartered Councils in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master delivered a *very* excellent address. It has the true ring to it; no dross, but all pure gold. In speaking of the new departure, he says:

"I should be recreant to my trust, and most certainly to my own feelings, were I to fail of calling the earnest attention of this Grand Body to the question of all-absorbing interest to Cryptic Masons at the present time, viz: "The Mississippi Plan," and how shall Royal and Select Masons made under that arrangement be received by Companions of the Crypt. Five States, Mississippi, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky, have disbanded their Grand Councils, and turned the degrees over to the Chapter; and six others: Arkansas, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri and Nebraska, have taken the preliminary steps to do the same thing. But in most if not all the last named States they propose, before the final consummation of their un-masonic consolidation schemes, to wait and see what action the General Grand Chapter will take in the premises. They admit that under the present constitution of the General Grand Chapter, it cannot be done, or if done, such action would be in violation of the provisions of that constitution. Many of the adherents of the "New Departure," however, flatter themselves that the General Grand Chapter will make the necessary amendments to its constitution to allow it to be done. In this we think they will be disappointed. I do not believe the General Grand Chapter will for a moment tolerate their medley of work, but will stop further innovations and unwarrantable assumptions of jurisdictions, and will restore the landmarks set up by our fathers, but which have been disregarded and set at naught by these Companions. And I venture the assertion that if the Most Illustrious Companions of these defunct Grand Councils had given as much time and thought to their Subordinate Councils as they gave to this "consolidation" plan, they would to-day be in a happy and flourishing condition. I recommend that the representatives of these defunct Grand Councils be excused from further attendance upon this Grand Council, as such. I also recommend the adoption of a resolution denying to all persons who receive the Royal and Select Master's degrees by communication on the "Mississippi Plan", or in any other manner than in a regularly constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters duly chartered by a Grand Council of R. and S. Masters, any recognition as Cryptic Masons, and that the doors of our Secret Vaults in Vermont be closed against them. We, perhaps, can never expect to be as large as the Chapter or Lodge, nor shall we ever rival them; but we are doing about as well, and we have no cause to be discouraged, having made a net gain in membership of seventy-nine last year. I trust we have nearly passed through this period of depression, and a reaction will soon set in. At all events our future must depend upon ourselves. It is useless to pass resolutions or present memorials, but let us put our own shoulders to the wheel, and develop ourselves. If we do this, there need be no fear as to the result. We now number over 30,000 Cryptic Masons, therefore let us stop begging, and support ourselves. This Grand Council has managed to exist for twenty-six years since the reorganization, and I have confidence to believe she can live a few years longer; therefore, my Companions, shall we for a moment tolerate the thought of entering into this *unholy alliance*? Shall we be among the faithless ones to cry unto the Chapter to "save us or we perish?" No, most emphatically no. Now I earnestly entreat of this Grand Body to give forth no uncertain sound to-day upon these important and vital questions. Let your clarion tones reverberate not only through the Arches of our beloved jurisdiction, but throughout the length and breadth of this fair land, that Vermont is not recreant to her trust, but the legacy bequeathed to us, and made sacred and holy by the prayers and benediction of our fathers, shall be guarded as the apple of our eye, and by us transmitted to our posterity, without the taint of treason, and without spot or wrinkle."

Good! good! GOOD!

The Grand Council stood by the Grand Master, and passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That as the Grand Council of Vermont has heretofore stood firm in its position as a separate and distinct organization from the Grand Chapter, and has sustained itself with an honorable record, we think the action of the aforesaid Grand Councils premature and unjustified by precedent or necessity, and we hereby refuse to recognize as genuine any person who obtains his degrees in any but a regular Council duly chartered.

"We desire to endorse most heartily the expression of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in relation to the faithful performance of the duties of officers of Subordinate Councils, and we believe with him, that "whatsoever man soweth that shall he also reap," and those Councils whose officers perform their duties best will reap the greatest benefits."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Companion Wm. H. S. Whitcomb. His report is concise, pointed, courteous and able. He reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1878. Under the head of New Jersey, he devotes a page to Thomas J. Corson, deceased, late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of that State; which we insert in full.

IN MEMORY OF

THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, M. D.,

GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY.

What do I hear?
Not many months ago a Poet dear
Wrote words that touched our hearts "so stained with sin;"
It seems but yesterday we read his cry,
"If still a life-long idler may come in,
Lord; here am I."

What do I hear?
A cry of anguish rings afar and near,
The gentle, kindly Poet is no more,
All still and silent is the pen and hand!
His soul is with the ransomed, on the shore
Of that blest Land.

What do I hear?
A voice that strikes through my poor heart a fear
That I have wasted more than morning hours,
And sunny noons, and eventides; yes, all
The years, and means, and varied powers
Within my call.

What do I hear?
A voice that rings as loud and clear
As that first call—"Go work to-day," is still
The same command that came so long ago.
He will accept the soul that does his will;
Be will, I know.

What do I hear?
A kindly voice, that bids me go in cheer,
And show by daily life and labor done,
Than not in vain lived CORSON kind and true:
And says "such Crown as this brave soul has won,
May be for you."

In his conclusion, after giving a list of the number of Grand Councils reviewed by him, he says:

“ ‘Would it were worthier.’ ”

“ The flitting years remind us of the fact that soon our work will be done. Shall we who are in the prime of life, work with the vigor and determination worthy of ‘Royal and Select Masters,’ or shall our record, when ‘made up,’ show that we considered the title an empty, unmeaning name? ‘Quit you like men,’ should ring in our ears and nerve our hands; for if we are not unmindful of our duty, we shall hear, above the din and stir of money-making, the tread of that grand army of freedom and temperance and justice, that this nineteenth century is marshaling on all the fields of the world, whose banners are white, whose watchword is charity, and whose victory is as certain as that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

‘Go forth, our Brothers, strong in God’s sight,
Truth is your armor, freedom your right,
Meet Error’s legions, put them to flight,
Go where oppression binds her chain,
Bid the down-trodden rise again,
Say unto Evil, God’s right shall reign.’ ”

A beautiful memorial page is inscribed to six companions who died during the year.

Companion Alfred Conkling Hubbell, of Bennington, was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion William H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Whitcomb, notwithstanding his extreme want of self-assurance, is still appreciated and retained as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Were we to follow the bent of our own inclinations, we should longer dwell upon the *real good things* in the proceedings of Vermont. We have read every word. It is *all good*. We would like to grip those Companions by the hand and have a hearty “shake.” Hubbell, Whitcomb, Dana, forgive us if we give vent to our pent-up feelings:

In boyhood’s joyous gala days
We took to fiction more than figures,
And far preferred to *Colburn’s lays*,
“ May Martin, or the Money Diggers ;”
But now our locks are growing gray,
Our tastes are changed like those of many :
We’ve laid the whims of youth away,
And take to Whitcomb and to Dana.

Green Mountain boys e’er fond of strife,
Are first in war and first in battle ;
Yet love the quiet scenes of life,
Merino sheep and fancy cattle.
Against the “ New Departure ” plan
They ne’er will turn their backs to any.
But stand up boldly, to a man,
Led on by Whitcomb and by Dana.

VIRGINIA.

We are under obligations to Companion William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, for information in reference to Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction.

By resolutions adopted by Grand Council and Grand Chapter, December 17th, 1841, the Cryptic degrees were turned over to the Chapter, and for a long time, the degrees in the Chapter were conferred in the following order, to wit: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Royal Arch. But subsequently the order was changed, so that now they are conferred as follows, to wit: Mark Master, Past Master, Select Master, Royal Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. The Chapter is first opened in the Royal Arch degree, and then labor dispensed with, and a Lodge or Council opened, as occasion requires; all, of course, being under the supervision of the Chapter.

Virginia and Texas are not accountable to General Grand Chapter of the United States, never having joined the compact, and are therefore independent of its discipline.

SUMMED UP.

Well, our work is now completed, and a pleasant time we've had,
Found much to make us sorrowful, and much to make us glad.
The dark side we have looked upon, as well as on the bright;
And have seen some "dark spots on the sun", that faintly dim the light.

We first sought out Companion Sayre, he had n't much to say;
Old foggy like, he still keeps on within the good old way.
His pride is, Alabama, and he never deems it hard
To serve in Cryptic Masonry as "Captain of the Guard."

Arkansas in despondency, got lost in doubt and dread,
And for want of proper exercise, is numbered with the *dead*;
While California's wavering; she does and yet she does n't;
She wants to, but she won't, of course, if "Mother says she must n't."

Connecticut is always firm, and loves the Cryptic Rite,
And proudly holds her banner up, as ever, fair and bright;
While her noble correspondent, a man of solid sense,
Do n't venture an opinion 'till he hears the evidence.

And Florida e'er faithful, "sticketh closer than a brother."
While Illinois reclineth on the "Bosom" of another.
Indiana feels indignant that her *sister* should do so,
And declares that with the *erring* she'll have nothing more to do.

Iowa, maid of twenty-two, yet could not stay alone,
While Kansas, only ten and past, no weakness yet hath shown.
Kentucky's gentle Henderson "had piped unto the fair,"
Until she faintly murmured "Gentle shepherd, tell me where."

Louisiana, ever wise and always dignified,
 With Maine and Massachusetts is standing side by side ;
 And Maryland and Michigan all seem of one accord,
 To work and watch together, with the "Trowel and the Sword."

"Minnesota don't surrender," and don't *languish* any more ;
 Missouri still is holding on, the same as heretofore :
 But as her "Mighty Moses" was untimely called to go,
 No telling what the "Aarons" in Missouri now will do.

Nebraska, rash, importunate, determined to go in,
 And now is darkly groping in the "Wilderness of Sin ;"
 But yet she did not "burn her boats : " in case of a defeat,
 She wisely keeps them in reserve, to cover her retreat.

New Hampshire and New Jersey are loyal to a man,
 And don't propose to recognize the "Mississippi Plan ;"
 And New York's favorite Osgoodby, "the Captain of the Host,"
 Don't favor any Sentinel found sleeping at his post.

North Carolina feels uncertain ; don't know which way to go,
 Whether north or south, or east or west, above or down below,
 But on the whole, decided all proceeding yet to stay,
 And hear what the "old lady" on the subject had to say.

Ohio, in arithmetic has "gone up to the head,"
 Somewhat inclined to *coquetry*, but not inclined to *wed*.
 Ontario, a looker on, "a neighbor o'er the way,"
 Declares it's not her "funeral", she 's not a word to say.

Pennsylvania, dignified and firm, with Muckle and with Meyer.
 Holds up her hands in horror at the "Mississippi scare,"
 And says that such a *wicked thing* can't legally be done ;
 While "Little Rhoda", on the whole, considers it but fun.

South Carolina shows a willingness to drink the proffered cup,
 But Micawber like, is waiting for "something to turn up ;"
 And Tennessee, victoriously, determines to go on—
 Yes, "*Juxta est alca*," she'll cross the *Rubicon*.

"Green Mountain Boys" stand at their post, whatever may betide ;
 Their faith and hope and charity can never be denied ;
 Their courage never faileth ; their valor never dies ;
 They'll stem the storm and "Hold the Fort," at any sacrifice.


Minnesota, then, sends greeting to her sisters, one and all ;
 May none e'er stray from Virtue's path, may no one ever fall ;
 But should any need assistance, by either day or night,
 Our "bank is always open," they can draw on us at sight.

Fraternally submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY.
 For the Committee.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA,
1879.

GEO. W. COOLEY, M.: I.: G.: M.:	-	-	-	Minneapolis
G. W. MERRILL, R.: I.: D.: G.: M.:	-	-	-	St. Paul
ED. McDERMOTT, R.: I.: G.: P.: C.: of the W.:	-			Minneapolis
WM. A. SPAULDING, R.: I.: G.: Treasurer	-	-		Minneapolis
GROVE B. COOLEY, R.: I.: G.: Recorder	-	-		Minneapolis
C. HENRY BENTON, G.: C.: of G.:	-	-	-	Minneapolis
S. B. FOOTE, G.: C.: of C.:	-	-	-	Red Wing
E. G. COVINGTON, G.: Chaplain	-	-	-	St. Paul
S. J. WILLARD, G.: M.:	-	-	-	Red Wing
H. M. KENT, G.: Steward,	-	-	-	Minneapolis
HARRY BIRMINGHAM, G.: Sentinel.	-	-	-	St. Paul

 The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 11th day of October, 1880, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Ordered read in all Subordinate Councils.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Minnesota.

The Grand Council assembled at Masonic Hall in the city of St. Paul, on Monday, October 10, 1881, at 4 o'clock p. m.

PRESENT.

Companion G. W. MERRILL, M. I. Grand Master.
Companion G. B. COOLEY, R. I. Deputy Grand Master.
Companion WM. CHENEY, R. I. Grand Recorder.
Companion C. HENRY BENTON, G. C. of G.
Companion THEODORE BURKHARD, as G. C. of C.
Companion HARRY BIRMINGHAM, Grand Sentinel;
with representatives from Subordinate Councils, and other Illustrious Companions.

OPENING.

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM.

CREDENTIALS

The Grand Master appointed as Committee on Credentials:

Companions C. H. Benton and Wm. C. eney.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Companions as present and entitled to seats as members.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Paul, No. 1—Theo. Burkhard, R.: I.: D.: M.:
 Minneapolis, No. 2—Wm. Cheney, R.: I.: D.: M.:
 Tyrian, No. 4—Not represented.
 Adoniram, No. 5—C. H. Benton, T.: I.: M.:
 Duluth, No. 6—Not represented.

GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. Merrill,	.	.	.	M.: I.: Grand Master.
G. B. Cooley,	.	.	.	R.: I.: D.: Grand Master.
Wm. Cheney,	.	.	.	R.: I.: Grand Recorder.
C. Henry Benton,	.	.	.	G.: C.: of G.
Harry Burmingham,	.	.	.	G.: Sentinel.

GRAND COUNCILS REPRESENTED.

England and Wales, Grove B. Cooley.
 Maine, Grove B. Cooley.
 Michigan, Grove B. Cooley.
 New Hampshire, C. Henry Benton.
 Ontario, Grove B. Cooley.
 Tennessee, Theodore Burkhard.

Respectfully submitted,

C. HENRY BENTON,
 WM. CHENEY.

The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M.: I.: Grand Master appointed the following standing Committees.

On Grand Master's Address—G. B. Cooley, Wm. Cheney, Theodore Burkhard.

On Transcripts of Councils U. D.—Theodore Burkhard, H. Burmingham, C. H. Benton.

On Returns of Chartered Councils—C. H. Benton, H. L. Carver, H. Burmingham.

On Appeals and Grievances—G. B. Cooley, C. H. Benton, Wm. L. Combs.

On Finance—C. H. Benton, G. B. Cooley, Theodore Burkhard.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—G. B. Cooley, C. H. Benton, H. L. Carver.

On Foreign Correspondence—G. B. Cooley, C. H. Benton, Wm. Cheney.

On motion of Companion C. Henry Benton, it was :

Voted, That all Royal Select Masters in good standing be invited to sit as visitors during this assembly.

Voted. That the reading of the records of the last annual assembly be omitted, printed copies being on the Grand Recorder's desk.

The Grand Recorder then presented his annual report, which on motion, was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

MASONIC HALL, Oct. 10, 1881.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Grand Recorder respectfully presents his annual report as follows:

DR.

To Received of Duluth Council No. 6, for dispensation fee...	\$20 00
Received of Duluth Council No. 6, for charter.....	5 00
Received of Duluth Council No. 6, for dues.....	3 00
Received of Duluth Council No. 6, Tax of 25 cents per member....	4 75
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	\$32 75

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By paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$32 75
There is due the Grand Recorder for postage during the year.....	5 75
And for Charter fee Duluth Council....	3 00
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	\$8 75

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Oct. 10, Received of Minneapolis Council No. 2, dues.....	\$61 00
Received of St. Paul Council, No. 1, special tax.....	18 50
Received of St. Paul Council, No. 1, dues.....	18 25
Received of Adoniram Council, No. 5, special tax.....	10 50
Received of Adoniram Council, No. 5, dues.....	4 00
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Total amount on hand.....	\$112 25

Respectfully submitted,

WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then read by the Grand Recorder, and on motion it was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. A. SPAULDING, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

DR.

1880. Oct. 11, To balance on hand per last report.....	\$34 25
1881. Sept. 12, To amount from Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder.....	25 00
Oct. 8, To amount from Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder.....	7 75
Total receipts.....	\$67 00

*CR.

1880. Oct. 11, Paid G. B. Cooley, Grand Recorder.....	\$6 30
1880. Oct. 11, Paid order H. Birmingham... ..	2 00
1881. Oct. 8, Paid Johnson, Smith & Harrison... ..	10 00
	<hr/> \$18 30

Oct. 10, Balance, amount on hand..... \$48 70

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. A. SPAULDING, Grand Treasurer.

Companion G. B. Cooley, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, when on motion of Companion C. H. Benton, it was ordered printed in the proceedings of this assembly.

Bill of Johnson, Smith & Harrison for printing was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Companion Wm. Cheney from the committee appointed at last assembly on a testimonial to P.: M.: I.: G.: M.: George W. Cooley, reported progress and on motion the same committee was continued.

The Grand Council was then called off until 7:30 P. M.

*The item, "Paid order G. B. Cooley \$5.00," was discovered to be an error and corrected by Grand Treasurer Spaulding after the session of the Assembly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 P. M. Same officers as at opening.

The Committee on Finance then submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session.

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the accompanying bill of Johnson, Smith & Harrison for printing, stating the amount their due as one hundred and twenty-three and 55-100 dollars (\$123.55), beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct, and recommend that an order for that amount on the Grand Treasurer in their favor be drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
GROVE B. COOLEY,
THEO. BURKHARD,
Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance also submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the report of the Grand Recorder, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the same and find it correct and recommend its approval:

They find from it now in the hands of the Grand Recorder to be turned over to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and twelve and 25-100 dollars (\$112.25).

We also find due the Grand Recorder for postage, \$5.75; and for executing charter, \$3.00; making \$8.75; and recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
GROVE B. COOLEY,
THEO. BURKHARD,
Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance also submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters now in session :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the same and that, except as to the item "Paid order G. B. Cooley and Burmingham \$7.00," they find the same correct.

As to this item they report that they find on page 15, printed proceedings of the last Grand Council, appropriated to the Past Grand Recorder (Companion G. B. Cooley), \$6.30, which was paid according to the item in the Grand Treasurer's account, preceding the one in question, for which payment a proper voucher appears. We also find on the same page appropriated for the Grand Sentinel (Companion Harry Burmingham) the sum of two dollars (\$2.)

The balance of \$5.00 of the item in question we find no appropriation for and no voucher for.

Your Committee does not doubt the integrity of the Grand Treasurer in the in the least, but recommends that his account, except as to the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) of disbursements be approved, and as to that sum, that the matter be left open for further explanation from the Grand Treasurer with the firm belief that he will show to be correct what now appears to your Committee, without such further explanation, to be an unintentional double charge of the sum of five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
GROVE B. COOLEY,
THEO. BURKHARD,
Finance Committee.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Committee on Appeals and Grievances, made a verbal report, stating that there was nothing before the Grand Council requiring the attention of either of these Committees.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered his annual address :

COMPANIONS—In obedience to the laws of Cryptic Masonry in this State, we are assembled in the twelfth annual convocation of the Grand Council to consider such matters as shall come before us affecting the interests of this branch of the Masonic order, of which we are, for the time, the conservators.

Being the youngest in years, and the weakest in point of numbers of all the co-ordinate branches of American Free Masonry—looked upon with disfavor by many—denied the propriety of existing as an independent organization in several States, we shall need to act with the soundest discretion, that we may win the favor of the worthy and select among our Brotherhood, and that none may be alienated from our institution whose favor and co-operation we need.

We are here to-day, an unbroken circle. Let us acknowledge the good hand of our God that has guided our steps along the pathway of life, and suffered no evil to come nigh our dwelling. In other branches of Masonry we

hear of Companions falling by the way, and in other jurisdictions of the Cryptic Rite, the wise and the good have heard the summons and have gone hence. I need not remind you of the sad loss to the Masonic Order at large, by the recent death of Companion Albert G. Mackey, at Washington.

No tribute of ours can add anything to the enduring fame which belongs to him for his faithful and life-long labors in the cause of Free Masonry. Like Sir Christopher Wren, the great work of his life is his monument. He found the Masonic Order in a condition of decay—its symmetrical proportions hidden in a mass of false and incongruous drapery—its beautiful symbolism misinterpreted, its hidden truths unrevealed, chaos prevailing and true word lost.

Believing the subject to be worthy of his best services, he devoted his life to the cause of the Order, and conjointly with a galaxy of kindred spirits as zealous and faithful as himself, he wrought unremittingly to restore the noble temple to its original beauty and grandeur, and from foundation to cope stone—on arch, and crypt, and secret vault, now delving among the ruins, now searching even the courts of the dead for anything that could shed light on the perplexing questions presenting themselves to his mind: What is Masonry? Whence came it? Why is it?

The results of his investigations are before the Masonic world, and every intelligent Mason is wiser and more intelligent because of those labors; and Masonry is no longer an undigested mass of legendary lore—supposed to be veritable history, the key to its symbolism lost—many of its lessons misinterpreted and its light hidden by the veil of ignorance. As the result of the labors of our late Companion Mackey and his contreres, we have revealed to us a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. A system as symmetrical as the glorious temple of the most wise King of Israel, and lessons drawn forth from the various emblems so replete with wisdom as to excite our wonder and our admiration for the old worthies who builded so wisely and so well.

Companions: A few days since, at the capitol of the Nation, a widow's son was slain. A brother high in station and loved for the kindness of his heart and honored for his greatness of mind and the sterling virtues of his character. Slain by a mercenary wretch, who made a demand for that to which he was not entitled and for which he was unfitted, and which being denied him he became the assassin of one of the noblest and best of the sons of Light. And thus history repeats itself again. The great and good stricken down remorselessly from stations of usefulness, by the base and contemptible, utterly unable to comprehend the grandeur and beneficence of a true and manly life, devoted to the best interests of the people. And thus we see and feel the value of the lessons that Masonry teaches—the extirpation of ignorance, the overcoming of bigotry and intolerance, and selfishness and violence and crime.

A great Masonic writer has said that "Great examples are the richest legacies the Past devises to the Present, and that they enrich a nation more than wealth or power." And so we feel in these days of sadness and sorrow, mingled with the bitterness of the memory of a brother treacherously slain by an unseen foe, is the calm satisfaction and joy that the victim was so worthy of a place in the Temple of Fame, devoted to Earth's heroes and martyrs, who die

for a great principle. And there may we leave our dead Companion and frater enshrined in the hearts of a whole people for whose welfare and enlightenment he lived, and in whose service he died.

"Peace to his ashes and rest to his soul."

The record of my official action for the past year is, indeed, a very brief one. No controversy or question has arisen calling for the exercise of that judicial wisdom which is supposed to be vested in the presiding officers of Masonic Grand bodies; consequently the decisions of my illustrious predecessors are all undisturbed; and it is my good fortune to have on record no decision to be overturned by some successor in this seat of royalty and wisdom, more enlightened than I.

At the last session of this Grand Council a charter was granted to Duluth Council, No. 6. On the 3d of December, accompanied by Companion E. S. Beck, of St. Paul Council No. 1, I visited the companions at Duluth and constituted the new Council and installed the officers. The graceful courtesies extended to us on that occasion by the companions at Duluth, proved that they were possessed of the true Masonic virtue of hospitality, and that they were not ignorant of the most effective methods of reaching the hearts of the toilers in the S. V. V.

At the last session of this Grand Council, the announcement was made by Grand Master Cooley, that a Provisional General Grand Council for the United States had been formed at Detroit, in August, 1880, by representatives of a majority of the Grand Councils of the United States; that a constitution had been adopted and officers elected, and that upon the ratification of that action by nine Grand Councils, the said Provisional Grand Body would assume the functions of a constitutional body.

This Grand Council, at its session last October, ratified that action had at Detroit, and gave its adhesion to the General Grand Body, and, since then, the requisite number of Grand Councils having done the same, the announcement has been made officially by the General Grand Recorder, Companion George W. Cooley, in his circular of February 23, 1881, that the General Grand Council of the United States was duly organized and its officers duly empowered to assume their respective offices; and thus the Grand Council of Minnesota is now a constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States.

From a very cursory examination of a package of "proceedings" received at a late date, I conclude that Cryptic Masonry may be considered to be fairly prosperous on the whole. In a few of the older States the Order is strong and vigorous, and the good work in the S. V. V. goes on unremittingly during all the regular hours of labor.

In many of the jurisdictions the outlook is not so encouraging. While some Councils are evidently faithful and zealous, and enjoying the rewards of faithful labor, others seem to be under the spell that brought disaster and ruin to Ahishar; and still other Councils are dormant. This is about the condition of our own Jurisdiction. In one or two cases we see the remarkable success attending well-directed, intelligent, faithful labor; in other cases, and notably in that of my own Council, it would seem as if Mr. Micawber himself had found a door

carelessly left open and unceremoniously walked in and ensconced himself in the very center of the Ninth Arch, as the controlling spirit of the institution.

Yet upon the whole, I think progress is being made in this branch of Masonry. The process of disintegration has been arrested. The Grand Councils of Missouri, California and North Carolina, that had been coquetting with the tempter, have maintained their integrity, and the advocates of consolidating with or merging into the Chapter organization, are not so confident as they were. Missouri and California have given their adhesion to the General Grand Council. Our Companions over in Wisconsin, who had yielded to the pressure, and disbanded, have reorganized their Councils under the escutcheon of the Grand Council of Wisconsin. And so the good work goes on.

I take the hopeful view that we have now reached the substratum on bed rock, and that the foundations of our Cryptic Rite are now securely laid, and that henceforth we shall see the growing confidence of our brethren and companions in the importance of this branch of our Order as a necessary part of the system of Masonry, and that the beautiful lessons of the S.: V.: will have a wider dissemination and exercise a far wider influence than at present, or ever in our history.

Companions: the work of another year in Cryptic Masonry, is ended. Its history is recorded in the book of Life, where there are no mistakes. Well will it be with us if we take heed to the lessons so constantly set before us in all the ceremonies of our Order, that the spiritual temple we are erecting may be wrought in all the glorious symmetry of the designs drawn so plainly in the Book of the Law, our moral Trestle Board, that the work we bring may be approved, and the stones wrought by us be found fashioned for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

G. W. MERRILL,

Grand Master.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address made a report endorsing the sentiments therein expressed, and recommending that a memorial page be set apart in our minutes in memory of Companion Albert G. Mackey, of Washington, D. C., which report was adopted.

Companion C. H. Benton moved that the sum of \$2 be appropriated to our Grand Sentinel, Harry Birmingham, for his services, which was adopted.

Companion C. H. Benton moved that the Grand Recorder be instructed to request Tyrian Council No. 4 to make the returns that should have been submitted at this assembly, and that when so made that they be included in our printed proceedings if received in time. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in Session :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that there is now on hand, as shown by the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the sum of..... \$155.95

We find due from St. Paul Council No. 1, for assessment, 1877.. \$37.50
 " " " " " " " " 1878.. 18.50

----- 55.50

From Adoniram Council No. 5, for balance dues..... 1.50

" " " " dues for current quarter... 10.50

----- 12.00

From Tyrian Council No. 4 we have no returns exhibiting the number of members. From last returns received we find due from them in addition to the work they have done, if any, for special assessment by the Grand Council..... 12.50

Dues of current year..... 12.50

----- 25.00

From Duluth Council No. 6, for special assessment at last Grand Council.....

4.25

----- Making total resources..... \$252.20

We have already appropriated during this session :

To Johnson, Smith & Harrison..... \$123.55

To Grand Recorder..... 8.75

To Grand Sentinel..... 2.00

----- Total..... \$134.30

----- Balance..... \$117.90

To pay the current expenses of this session, including the printing of our proceeding, it will therefore be necessary to collect all that is due and unpaid.

Your Committee therefore recommend that our Grand Recorder be requested to notify the Councils in arrears of the amount they are in arrears, with a request that they pay the same forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
 GROVE B. COOLEY,
 THEO. BURCHARD,
 Committee.

On motion of Companion G. B. Cooley, it was voted that we have printed 300 copies of the proceedings of the present session.

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, now in session:

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils beg leave to report:

That Tyrian Council No. 4 has not submitted its returns for the last year.

That they have examined the returns of St. Paul Council No. 1, Minneapolis Council No. 2, Adoniram Council No. 5, Duluth Council No. 6, and find them correct, except that by an evident mistake Adoniram Council No. 5 has neglected to return the sum of \$11.50 for dues of current year, and Duluth Council No. 6 has failed to return the sum of \$4.25 for special assessment made at the last session.

The returns received show work done during the year as follows:

St. Paul Council No. 1.....	None.
Minneapolis Council No. 2.....	7
Adoniram Council No. 5.....	5
Duluth Council No. 6.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
HARRY BURMINGHAM,
Committee.

ELECTION.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand officers, with the following result, Companions Theodore Burkhard and H. Burmingham being appointed tellers:

Grove B. Cooley.....M.: I.: Grand Master, Minneapolis.
C. H. Benton.....R.: I.: Deputy Grand Master, Minneapolis.
Theodore Burkhard.....R.: I.: G.: P.: C.: of the W., St. Paul.
G. W. Merrill.....R.: I.: G.: Treasurer, St. Paul.
Wm. Cheney.....R.: I.: G.: Recorder, Minneapolis.

INSTALLATION.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master G. W. Merrill then installed the elective officers, Illustrious Companion C. J. Kruger acting as Grand Marshall. Most Illustrious Grand Master G. B. Cooley then made the following appointments and they were duly installed.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

W. W. Spaulding.....Grand C.: of G.: Duluth.
J. P. Pond.....Grand C.: of C.: St. Paul.
J. M. WilliamsGrand Marshall, Minneapolis.
Rev. D. B. Knickerbocker.....Grand Chaplain, Minneapolis.
S. J. Willard.....Grand Steward, Red Wing.
Harry Burmingham.....Grand Sentinel, St. Paul.

On motion of Companion C. H. Benton, it was voted that the next annual assembly be held on the day previous to the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and at the same place.

On motion of Companion Theo. Burkhard, the Grand Recorder was requested to notify the members of the Grand Council and the Subordinate Councils, of the next annual assembly, about one week previous thereto.

On motion of Companion C. H. Benton, the thanks of the Grand Council were voted to the M.: I.: Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, for their faithful and valuable services the past year, and also thanks to the Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, for the use of the hall.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Minnesota was then closed in ample form.

Attest:

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder.



TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

Albert Gallatin Mackey, M. D.

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^d of the
Supreme Council of the Southern Juris-
diction of the United States.**

Born in Charleston, S. C., March 12th, A. D. 1807.

Died at Fortress Monroe, Virginia,

JUNE 21ST, A. D. 1881.

**This Page is Fraternally Dedicated by the Grand
Council of Minnesota.**

GRAND RECORDERS—POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Name.	Postoffice Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
California.....	Thomas Hubbell Caswell.....	San Francisco.
Connecticut.....	J. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
England.....	D. M. Dewar.....	{ 2 Red Lion Square, High Holburn, London, W. C.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz.....	Milton.
Georgia.....	Andrew M. Wolikin.....	Albany.
Illinois.....	Gill W. Barnhard.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	George L. McCahan.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	John Haigh.....	Somerville.
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	William Cheney.....	Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	W. H. Mayo.....	St. Louis.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.
New York.....	George Vanvleit.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Daniel W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Ontario.....	Daniel Spry.....	Barrie.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Mayer.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Wm. B. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Zimmerman Davis.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Vermont.....	Arthur E. Bosworth.....	Springfield.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull.....	Milwaukee.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Grand Council.	Representative.	P. O. Address.
Alabama.....	Charles Leonard.....	St. Paul.
California.....	Fred L. Smith.....	Minneapolis.
Connecticut.....	B. F. Wright.....	St. Paul.
England and Wales.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Florida... ..	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis.
Indiana.....	S. J. Willard.....	Red Wing.
Louisiana.....	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis.
Maine.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Maryland.....	A. A. Ames.....	Minneapolis.
Massachusetts.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Michigan.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
New Jersey.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	Red Wing.
New York.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
New Hampshire.....	C. Henry Benton.....	Minneapolis.
Ohio.....	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis.
Ontario.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Pennsylvania.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Rhode Island.....	B. F. Waight.....	St. Paul.
South Carolina.....	Fred Woodburne.....	St. Paul.
Tennessee.....	Theodore Burkhard.....	St. Paul.
Vermont.....	Charles Leonard.....	St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, OF MINNESOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Postoffice Address.
Alabama.....	Wm. W. McCollum.....	Selma.
California.....	George T. Grimes.....	San Francisco.
Connecticut.....	Fred H. Waldron.....	New Haven.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz.....	Milton.
England and Wales.....	Frederick Binkes.....	{ 2 Red Lion Square, High { Holborn, London, W. C.
Georgia.....	Thomas J. Perry.....	Rome.
Indiana.....	Albert P. Charles.....	Seymour.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Louisiana.....	George J. Pinkhard.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Charles J. Colamore.....	Bangor.
Maryland.....	S. C. Bush.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit.
Missouri.....	Allan McDowell.....	St. Louis.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph W. Hildreth.....	.....
New York.....	A. B. King.....	Troy.
Ohio.....	David S. Fisher.....	Kenton.
Ontario.....	W. H. Porter.....	Bradford.
Pennsylvania.....	Geter C. Shidle.....	Pittsburg.
Rhode Island.....	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. E. C. Dupre.....	Abbeville.
Tennessee.....	W. R. Shaver.....	New Middleton.
Vermont.....	Albert C. Hubbell.....	Bennington.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular Assembly, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry Brand.....	T.:I.:M.:
Theodore Burkhard.....	R.:I.:D.:M.:
Geo. W. Robertson.....	P.:C.:of W.:
John H. Reaney.....	Treasurer.
William S. Combs.....	Recorder.
James P. Pond.....	C.:of G.:
William N. Cumbey.....	C.:of C.:
M. C. Teneyck.....	Steward.
Harry Burmingham.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 73.	

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular meeting third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Williams.....	T.:I.:M.:
William Cheney.....	R.:I.:D.:M.:
C. M. Foote.....	P.:C.:of W.:
T. F. Hurley.....	Treasurer.
John A. Schleuer.....	Recorder.
C. C. Brand.....	C.:of G.:
L. Paulle.....	C.:of C.:
W. E. Sergeant.....	Steward.
William Cove.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 108.	

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular Assembly, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. L. Kellogg.....	T. I. M.
Silas B. Foote.....	R. I. D. M.
W. O. Dodge.....	P. C. of W.
Egbert J. Blood.....	Treasurer.
Tams Bixby.....	Recorder.
D. M. Baldwin.....	C. of G.
Henry A. Willard.....	C. of C.
J. A. Glund.....	Steward.
John L. Hastings.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 50.	

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS EAST.

Regular Assembly, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. Henry Benton.....	T. M. M.
W. E. Johnson.....	R. I. D. M.
O. A. Broughton.....	P. C. of W.
R. W. Cummings.....	Treasurer.
Solon Armstrong.....	Recorder.
S. N. Whitney.....	C. of G.
A. J. Levering.....	C. of C.
H. M. Kent.....	Marshal.
A. Dale.....	Steward.
E. P. Crane.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 47.	

DULUTH COUNCIL NO. 6.

OFFICERS.

Albert S. Chase.....	T.: I.: M.:
John H. LaVaque	R.: I.: D.: M.:
Melvin J. Forbes	L.: P.: C.: of W.:
John R. Casey.....	Treasurer.
George N. LaVaque....	Recorder.
John H. Upham.....	C.: of G.:
Timothy A. Olmsted	C.: of C.:
J. B. Culver.....	Marshal.
Jerome E. Cooley.....	Steward.
Geo. S. Huse.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 21.	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1881.

St. Paul No. 1.....	Passed the circle.....	0....	Membership,	73
Minneapolis No. 2.....	" "	7....	"	108
Tyrian No. 4.....	" "	0....	"	50
Adoniram No. 5.....	" "	4....	"	47
Duluth No. 6.....	" "	3....	"	21
Total Membership				299
Total passed the circle.....				14
Net gain during year.....				12

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1870 TO 1881.

Year.	M. I.: G.: M.:	R. I.: D.: G.: M.:	R. I.: G.: M.:	G. P.: C.: W.:	G.: Treas.	G.: Rec.
1870....	J. C. Terry.....	Samuel Willey*.....	A. E. Ames*.....	E. C. Cross.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Wm. S. Combs....
1871....	A. E. Ames*.....	Samuel Willey*.....	E. C. Cross.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1872....	E. C. Cross.....	J. C. Terry.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1873....	Wm. S. Combs.....	Charles Shandrew.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1874....	Wm. S. Combs.....	H. L. Carver.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1875....	Fred Joss.....	H. L. Carver.....	G. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1876....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard..
1877....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Office abolished.....	Ed. McDermott.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard..
1878....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....		Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley..
1879....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....		Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley..
1880....	G. W. Merrill.....	Grove B. Cooley.....		H. M. Kent.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1881....	Grove B. Cooley.....	C. H. Benton.....		Theodore Burkhard.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....

*Deceased.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit their report.

We have received tidings from the following Grand Councils, to wit:

Alabama	1880	Michigan	1881
California	1880-81	Missouri	1880-81
Connecticut	1881	New Hampshire	1881
England and Wales	Letter	New Jersey	1881
Florida	Letter	New York	1880
Georgia	1880	North Carolina	1881
Illinois	1880	Ontario	1878 to '80
Indiana	1880	Pennsylvania	1881
Kansas	1878 to '81	Rhode Island	1881
Louisiana	1881	South Carolina	1881
Maine	1881	Tennessee	1880
Maryland	1880	Vermont	1881
Massachusetts	1880	Wisconsin	1881

The following Grand Councils have endorsed and ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States and become constituent parts thereof, to wit:

Alabama	Dec. 6th, 1880
California	April 14th, 1881
Florida	June 27th, 1881
Georgia	April 27th, 1881
Indiana	Oct. 19th, 1881

Kansas	Feb. 15th, 1881
Louisiana	Feb. 17th, 1881
Maine.....	May . 1881
Maryland	Nov. 10th, 1881
Massachusetts	Dec. 8th, 1880
Minnesota.....	Oct. 10th, 1880
Missouri.....	May 6th, 1881
New Hampshire.....	May 16th, 1881
New York.....	Sept. 8th, 1880
Ohio	Oct. 14th, 1880
South Carolina	Feb. 20th, 1881
Tennessee.....	Nov. 11th, 1880
Vermont.....	June 14th, 1881

As is the old established custom, we begin our report with—

ALABAMA—1880.

The Grand Council of Alabama was held in the city of Montgomery, December 6th, 1880.

Forty-third annual assembly, M. I. Grand Master William Dwight Wadsworth presided.

Seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short but good address, but only of local importance.

The constitution of the Detroit convention was ratified.

No report on Foreign correspondence.

Companion William Dwight Wadsworth, of Montgomery was elected M. I. Grand Master.

Companion Daniel Sayre of course was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1880—1881.

The proceedings of this Grand Council for 1880 and 1881 comes to us under one cover. We referred to the annual assembly for 1880 in our last report and will therefore not review it in this.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of San Francisco on the 14th day of April, 1881. Companion Edward Richard Hedges M. P. Grand Master presided. Six chartered councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. In opening he says:

"I am pleased to say, companions, that we meet under more auspicious circumstances. The last few months has witnessed a general revival of interest in the several councils. The partial settlement of the vexed questions of consolidation has caused a rift in the dark and ominous cloud that has moved so threateningly over us, and the sky beyond is bright and hopeful."

He speaks very feelingly and eloquently of the death of Companion Samuel Graves, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of California, who died on the 30th day of July, in 1880, at the ripe age of eighty-six years, of whom he says: "For more than three quarters of a century he was permitted to remain on earth, and during that long journey through life, he has scattered along the Masonic highways, seeds, which springing up, have borne fruit creditable to himself, honorable to the fraternity, and precious in the sight of Heaven." A mourning page was dedicated to him in the proceedings.

The Grand Master visited all the subordinate councils but two, which is a good example to follow. In summing up he says :

"I can say of my own knowledge that they (the councils), exhibit signs of, not of death, but of life; not of apathy, but of activity; not of indifference, but of interest, and some of enthusiasm. Not a council in this jurisdiction that has not made returns and paid its dues in full; with this record before us and the prospect of a bright future ahead, do we want to 'give up the thing?' Or do we wish to surrender? Or do we wish to make the Chapter our God mother, quietly creep into her bosom and breathe our life out sweetly there; I say no, emphatically."

He recommended the endorsement of the District Convention, which was duly done by the Grand Council.

Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, the Grand Recorder, submitted a brief report on Correspondence, in which he acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, ours for 1880 being among the number. Under the head of Pennsylvania he inserts Companion Meyers' obituary tablet, and objects to being thus treated. He says :

"Now so far as California is concerned, the foregoing is a 'Royal, Select and super-excellent.' *No such thing.* We decidedly object to being decently interred before the breath is out of our body. We had a slight attack of the Mississippi fever, but have fully recovered, and our companions who have consigned us to the grave and written our obituary, will find us a very 'lively corpse.' We say to New York and Pennsylvania: Keep your old tombstones to erect over your own defunct Councils. California 'still lives.'"

Companion Edward Richards Hedges, of Stockton, was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, of San Francisco, was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1881.

Grand Council assembled at New Haven, May 9th, 1881.

It was the sixty-third annual assembly.

Grand Master John O. Rowland presided.

Eighteen Subordinates represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, but only of local significance.

He announced the death of another old father in Masonry—Companion Uriel

Fuller, Past D. P. Grand Master, who died the 23d of October, 1880, and recommended a memorial page to be set apart to his memory, which was accordingly done.

Companion William Wallace Lee, the Committee on Correspondence, submitted a short report, covering about two pages in the proceedings. In closing he says:

"The General Grand Council, as I understand, bears about the same relation to the Grand Council as the General Grand Chapter does to the various Grand Chapters. It does not seem to me that we are in danger of losing any of our vested rights, if we unite with and become a part of it; and while it is not my business or duty to say what we should do, as a member of this body, I am in favor of such action. It seems to me the result will be beneficial in securing more united action, a closer correspondence in government and methods, and a nearer uniformity in ritual. Whatever action shall be had, I for one hope we shall adopt no harsh measures toward those who honestly differ from us as to the expediency or propriety of what has been done in the past, ever bearing in mind the maxim of the sainted martyr president, 'With malice toward none; with charity for all.'"

The matter relating to the General Grand Council was referred to a committee to report to the next annual assembly.

Companion Chester Tilden, of Willimantic, was elected Grand Master, and Companion J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES—LETTER.

This Grand Council is in a prosperous condition. No proceedings published. The Rev. G. R. Portal, M. P. Grand Master; Companion D. M. Dewar, R. P. Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—LETTER.

Companion Carlovitz writes us, of date August 25th, 1881, that the proceedings were about half printed, and that he hoped would be out soon; since when we have had no tidings. He says: "No Foreign Correspondence this year; instead I give a complete reprint, *verbatim et literatim*, of all our proceedings from organization to and including the proceedings of 1876."

Good for you, John

GEORGIA—1880.

We receive the printed proceedings of this Grand Council for 1880; the first we have ever seen.

Grand Council met April 28th, 1880.

Seven Subordinates were represented.

M. I. G. Master Charles R. Armstrong, delivered a short address, but only of local importance.

The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, our own among the number.

No report on Correspondence.

Companion Charles R. Armstrong of Macon, was re-elected Grand Master, and Andrew M. Wolikin of Albany, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1880.

We receive tidings from Grand Council by way of Companion Whitcomb of Vermont; for which we credit him. He says:

"We have no printed report of the Grand Council of Illinois, but we learn that the same officers were continued; and while the worthy Companions of Illinois are hardly satisfied (as we understand) with their position, they continued (and must until next October) to imitate the unfortunate example of Mississippi. We hear so much of a desire among the law-abiding Masons, of a return to correct and lawful conformity to the usages of the older States, that we trust brighter days are dawning for the Select Companions of Illinois."

John O'Neil of Chicago, Grand Master.

Gill W. Barnard of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1880.

The twenty-fifth annual assembly was held at Indianapolis, on the 19th day of October 1880, and was presided over by Walter R. Godfrey, Grand Master.

Thirty out of forty-seven Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very good address but it containing nothing of interest outside of that jurisdiction. In his closing remarks he says:

"I can but believe that a bright future awaits Cryptic Masonry, and ere long the Councils who maintain their organizations will become stronger, and there will be no more sleeping on the post of duty. The Mississippi plan is dead and it only remains for us to see that it is decently buried forever from our sight."

The action of the Detroit convention was unanimously approved and ratified.

Companion W. W. Austin submitted another of his very excellent reports on correspondence. We should like very much to quote it but cannot.

Companion Edward S. Ross of Wabash, was elected Grand Master and the veteran John M. Bromwell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1878-9-81.

We received the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1878, 1879 and 1881, no assembly having been held for 1880.

On 15th February, 1881, the Grand Council assembled at the city of Topeka. Deputy Grand Master Dwight Byington presided in absence of the Grand Master.

In the afternoon the Grand Master Companion, Albert D. McConaughy, presided.

The Grand Master delivered a very good address but referred mostly to matters local. He recommended the endorsement of General Grand Council, which was done by the adoption of the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the Grand Council of Kansas heartily approves the action by the convention of Grand Councils held at Detroit, and do hereby recommend the continuance of said General Grand Council, and further, this Grand Council yields willing allegiance to its authority."

Companion Dwight Byington was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and companion John H. Brown, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1881.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council met at New Orleans, February 17th, 1881.

Companion George J. Pinkard, M. T. Grand Master.

The Representatives of five Councils present.

The address of the Grand Master was of the best, but not better than we would expect from Grand Master Pinkard. It was his fifth address, and was such as all would like to hear. We ought to scissor it, but as it is mostly of local interest we will refrain.

The Constitution of the General Grand Council was adopted.

Companion George J. Pinkard was re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Companion Richard Lambert was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

MAINE—1881.

We have not received any correspondence, although the Grand Council was held in May last.

Instead thereof we will substitute Companion Drummond's circular in relation to the General Grand Council:

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all regular Royal and Select Masters, and especially to all Grand Councils thereof, GREETING :

WHEREAS, at a Convention of Royal and Select Masters, representing a majority of the Grand Councils in the world, held in Detroit, on the twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth days of August, A. D. 1880, a Constitution for a General Grand Council was framed and submitted to the Grand Councils of the United States :

And whereas, the officers, provided for in that Constitution, were elected and directed to enter upon the duties of their respective offices when the Constitution should be ratified by nine Grand Councils :

And whereas, the Grand Councils of New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, Massachusetts, Alabama and Louisiana, being nine in number, have, at their respective Annual Assemblies, ratified said Constitution:

I, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, elected provisional General Grand Master, at said Convention, hereby declare that the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America has been regularly formed and now exists as the governing Body of the Rite in the United States as provided in its Constitution.

The General Grand Officers will at once enter upon the discharge of their duties ; but before doing so, it is recommended that they severally take an obligation before a Grand Master or Past Grand Master of a Grand Council, to support the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and forward a certificate thereof to the P.: General Grand Recorder, Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The General Grand Master is happy to announce that the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of South Carolina, in view of the action of the M.: E.: General Grand Chapter at its late Convocation, has rescinded its action in reference to the Council degrees, and that the Grand Council has reorganized, resumed work and ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and is now a constituent thereof.

Given under my hand this first day of March, A. D. 1881, A. Dep. 2881.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,

General Grand Master.

MARYLAND—1880.

The proceedings of this Grand Council came to us very neatly bound in a pamphlet containing eighty-one pages.

The Grand Council met in annual assembly in the city of Baltimore, on the 10th day of November, 1880.

Present, Grand Master William F. Cochran, M.: I.: G.: Master, with the representatives of five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master delivered a very good address, but mostly of local import.

He recommended the ratification of the Detroit Convention, which was accordingly done. .

He says:

"Cryptic Masonry was cradled in this jurisdiction, and it is eminently proper, therefore, that the Grand Council of Maryland should be one of the very first to endorse the formation of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and we may recall, with no little pride, that that organization is, to some extent, at least, a monument to the memory of those zealous Masons, Eckel and Niles, whose names are revered and esteemed by all Royal Craftsmen of this jurisdiction, and I therefore suggest the adoption of a resolution approving the establishment of a General Grand Council."

Balance in Treasury, \$76.37.

A very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, was submitted by Companion George L. McCahan. It covers fifty-one pages in the proceedings. He courteously and ably reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils.

Minnesota, for some unaccountable reason, not among the number. He says that he did not receive it. If not, why not? We certainly sent three copies to the Grand Recorder.

His report is full and complete. "It is a good piece of work and worthy the companion who wrought it."

Companion George W. Sheive, of Baltimore, was elected Grand Master, and Companion George L. McCahan, of Baltimore, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1880.

Annual assembly at Boston, December 8th, 1880, was opened in ample form Most Ill. Grand Master Alfred F. Chapman presiding.

Twelve councils represented.

The Grand Master made a good account of his stewardship in his annual address. He reports the treasury never in a better condition.

He very feelingly refers to the death of Illustrious Companion James Kimball R. I., Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1862. He was born at Salem in 1808, and died at Salem in November, 1880, at the age of 72 years. A memorial page was set apart in the proceedings to his memory.

The treasury showed a balance of \$310.14.

The action of the Detroit convention was ratified.

Companion J. W. Dadmun submitted a brief report on correspondence, included in fourteen pages of the proceedings.

He reviews the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, our own, for some reason omitted. His report, though brief, is good and to the point. His ammunition however is mostly prepared to fight the "Mississippi plan," and as that is now exploded we will not quote much from his report. He has ever been an earnest worker against consolidation with the Chapter.

Companion Albert L. Richardson of Boston, was elected Grand Master and Companion John Haigh of Somerville was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1881.

Twenty-third Annual Assembly met at East Saginaw on the 17th day of January, 1881, and was duly opened in ample form by Companion David Woodward, Most Ill. Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers and the representatives of thirty-nine Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address. We cannot refrain from quoting his opening remarks:

"To the history of Freemasonry antiquity lends a charm. The meditative mason loves to dwell upon what bears the impress of ages long gone by. A charm lingers around aged masonic emblems. The pine through whose branches have whistled the winds of a thousand bleak winters, the mountain whose bald summit has warred off the thunderbolts of untold ages, are each monuments of enduring time. Is it strange, then, that the mason should read the history of

Freemasonry with emotions, that he should reverence the order the better for being ancient, and render an homage more devotional on that account? Had it been worthless it would have long since passed away. Things worthless do not triumph age after age over all the opposition of power that the ingenuity of man can bring to bear upon them. When we follow back the foot-prints of time, we find many of the eminent men of former days the living monuments of the teachings of Freemasonry. St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were eminent Christian patrons of masonry, with King Solomon, Zerubabel, Abraham and Moses, with many others of profound admiration. Although handed down from generation to generation, freemasonry is still the same; with 49 Grand Lodges, nearly 10,000 Lodges, 39 Grand Chapters, with nearly 2,000 Chapters and 10,000 R. A. M., 25 Grand Councils, 439 Councils, with 20,000 members, we of Michigan hold the Cryptic Rite especially sacred, while we regret that some of our sister jurisdictions have fallen out of the beaten track."

He pays a fitting tribute to the memory of Companion William Brown, who died September 23d, 1880, aged sixty-eight years. A memorial page is set apart to his memory.

Balance in Grand Treasury reported, \$45.00.

The Grand Council opposed the organization of the General Grand Council.

Companion Rufus C. Hathaway, of Ionia, was elected Grand Master.

Companion Garra B. Noble, was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on Foreign Correspondence. How so John? If not, why not?

MISSOURI—1880-1881.

Proceedings of this Grand Council for 1880 and 1881 come to us under one cover.

The Fifteenth Annual Assembly was held May 7th, 1880, at the city of St. Louis.

M.: Ill.: B. P. Bailey, Grand Master.

Seven chartered Councils represented.

A short address was delivered by the Grand Master, giving simply a synopsis of his official acts.

The business was purely routine.

Companion John A. Dalmon was elected Grand Master.

Companion William H. Mayo was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No correspondence report.

1881.

Grand Council assembled at the city of St. Louis, May 6th, 1881.

Grand Master John A. Dolman presided.

Six Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, but only of interest in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasury showed a balance of \$226.89.

The Constitution of the General Council was ratified.

Companion John R. Parson, of St. Louis, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

And Companion William H. Mayo, of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion William H. Mayo submitted a short Report on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1880. He objects to having an inscription on the tombstone of Missouri before death, as was done by Companion Meyer, of Pennsylvania, in his report on Foreign Correspondence for 1879, and begs to join Companion Caswell, and says of Missouri what he says of California.

In closing, he says:

"Prospects for the Rite are brighter now than they have been for many years, and we believe it is because there is a common or supreme central governing power in the General Grand Council formed at Detroit last August, and as that was a most important and interesting event to all Royal and Select Masters, we will give the proceedings of said convention as briefly as possible, believing it to be by far the most interesting and instructive matter we can lay before our readers."

Then he closes his report with giving such proceedings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1881.

Twentieth Annual Assembly, May 16th, 1881, held at Concord, was presided over by Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Master.

Six Subordinates represented.

The Grand Master reported prosperity, and showed that he had been alive to the interests of the Crypt in his jurisdiction. He recommended that the Grand Council ratify the action of the Detroit convention, which was duly done by the Grand Council.

Balance in Grand treasury, \$60.69.

The Committee on Councils and Correspondence reported the receipt of the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1881 included, but no review of the same was submitted.

Companion Edward H. Currier, of Manchester, was elected Grand Master, and Companion George P. Cleaves, of Concord, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1881.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly was held at Trenton, January 18th, 1881. Grand Master Wark was present and presided.

Representatives of three Councils reported present.

The address relates to matters purely local.

A committee was appointed to report next year on the expediency of joining the General Grand Council.

No correspondence report.

Charles Belcher, Jr., was elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Charles Bechtel, of Trenton, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1880.

We received the following proceedings of this Grand Council for 1880.

The Grand Council assembled at the City of New York, September 8th, 1880, and was presided over by M.: Ill.: Grand Master George M. Osgoodby.

Twenty-six Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a masterly production, and is worthy the Companion who presented it.

During the year he made the following decisions in regard to the consolidation of Sing Sing Council No. 64, and Peekskill Council No. 53, in answer to the following questions:

“First—Will it require unanimous consent to surrender our warrant?

Answer—If nine companions oppose its surrender it cannot be accomplished.

Second—What is the position of those companions who will not concur in the proposed consolidation, and shall we grant demits?

Answer—If your warrant be legally surrendered you cannot grant demits. The companions desiring demits will then have to take a Grand Recorder's certificate, as provided by constitution upon paying arrearages and his fee.”

The decisions were approved by the Grand Council.

There are many excellent things in this address, but we will content ourselves with giving his conclusion:

“And now, my beloved companions, we have labored in the past with earnest zeal to advance and perpetuate these beautiful degrees of Cryptic Masonry, whose importance there are none who have knowledge of the lessons inculcated by them dare question. We have labored earnestly and faithfully to complete our work ere the week clo-eth and the sabbath of eternity sets in. The work for the completion of which, your kind partiality has kept me in this honorable position has ended, I trust, to your satisfaction, and to the honor, perpetuation, and glory of the Cryptic rite. This being the case, it becomes your duty to keep this work in motion, to advance by all proper means to success, to inculcate the morality of these degrees into the minds of all seeking Masonic light, and to pass to posterity in all their integrity the degrees of the Cryptic branch of Masonry. The success that is to attend future labors in this jurisdiction is now to be left to the earnest and sincere workers in our Crypt; for myself I shall be ever happy to labor with and for you, but it must no longer be at the head of this truly Grand Jurisdiction. I have on three occasions come here with the determination upon my part to decline further re-election to the position I now hold, not because I failed to appreciate the distinction of great honor it conferred upon me, or that I desired to shrink from any of the duties that devolved upon the office, but rather because this honorable position, one worthy of the best, purest and greatest amongst you, should not I thought, be held by one person so long a time.

“For four successive years your kindness has placed me in this position, and covered me with the highest honors in your power to confer. I appreciate it, I assure you. I appreciate the kindness of your acts, the faithful encouragement I have received from you, the charity that has been shown me in my shortcomings, and last, but not least, the many evidences of the esteem and love in which my Companions have held me; but we have arrived now at a point in our history in which, with faithful workers in the Crypt, there can be no failure, and I therefore must insist, kindly but positively, upon your selection of some other of your Companions to fill this position. I shall return to you, at this assembly, the official robes you have placed upon me, unsullied, and this beautiful jewel untar-

nished by thought, word, or act of mine. And now, again assuring you of the deep, abiding interest I have in Cryptic Masonry, and that I will ever labor for its advancement in the private character to which I now turn my footsteps, and that I will never shrink from the performance of any duty you may choose to impose upon me in that more humble position; and thanking you, one and all, for your patient kindness and forbearance, for the honors you have so generously bestowed upon me, let us turn to the labors of the hour and to the labors of life, remembering that this life is only preparatory for a life to come, that we are placed here to do the will of the Supreme Grand Master, who, when our work is completed will spread before us, in the Supreme Lodge above, all the joys and glories of His eternal Sabbath. Let this be a powerful incentive to the performance of every duty. Time with us will soon be no more, and we shall be of those who were but are not. To those who, faithful and true to the trust, reposed in them, depart this life with their stewardship—

To die is but to enter the realms of the blest,
Leaving the frail casket of the soul to decay;
'Tis the call of the Warden "from labor to rest,"
From the darkness of night to the brightness of day.

'Tis the waking to life, and a long, long release
From the thralldom of earth, with its care, sin and pain.
The soul finds its repose in the mansions of peace;
'Tis from labor to rest for the heart, mind and brain,

Let our work be prepared for the Overseer's test,
As the night cometh on when no work can be done;
For the call of the Warden "from labor to rest,"
Gives the crown to our brow, that by faith we have won.

The door will reopen, and the unwelcome guest
Will call each of us hence, Death's cold stream to pass,
If our work be well done, at the Master's behest
We'll "pass on" to the Temple, where death is no more.

Then the portals of Life will open before us,
And the noontide of bliss will eternally shine;
Our labors ended, Death no longer reigns o'er us,
Seeking light upon earth, we receive light divine."

The treasury showed a balance of \$144.39.

Companion Charles G. Hudson presented another of his very excellent reports on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-five General Councils, Minnesota for 1879 included.

Under the head of Alabama, he says :

"It is told of the Sandwich Islanders, we believe, that they often entertain the idea that they are going to die. When once they so think, they slowly but surely pine away, with no apparent disease, and in spite of persuasion, medicine or assurance they soon die. So it seems with some of our Grand Councils. They think they are going to die and they do die. And if they see some one having a funeral over the way, nothing will content them but to immediately cut their own throats so they may have a funeral also. We don't intend to die, and we won't die. Funerals are not the order of the day in this jurisdiction."

He gives us credit for news from the Grand Council of England and Wales

Thank you, Companion Hudson, but it was only on account of our importance that we received the information, meagre as it is.

Under the head of Maine, he says:

"Life is short, and there are but twenty-four hours in a day. No man can attend to his business, support his family, and properly perform the duties of more than one office in the Masonic bodies. The conscientious craftsman will find enough to do to commit the work, study the history and significance of the degrees, and post himself in the jurisprudence of one body at a time. We commend the practice in Maine to the consideration of every one. If such a rule could be adopted in every State, we would have a less unhealthy growth and more permanence."

We agree with the above, they express our views exactly. No Mason can do justice as a presiding officer over more than one body at a time. Many a good Mason, and good worker has become discouraged and disheartened by having too many Masonic honors showered thick upon him. Let the burdens as well as the honors be distributed.

Under the head of Minnesota, after quoting extensively from Grand Master George W. Cooley's address, he says:

"We are very much pleased to see that Companion Cooley was re-elected G.: M. When a Council can secure such a man at its head, he should be kept there. Rotation in office is proper enough, but don't rotate too fast when you have the right man in the right place."

He compliments us on our report on correspondence, and quotes extensively from it.

The Grand Master of New Hampshire had reported a decision to his Grand Council in 1880, in which he states that a Cryptic Companion, who was the only Council Mason in his town, had desired him to confer the degrees on enough Companions to petition for a dispensation, and thus save the fees of joining a Council and then petitioning for a dispensation. The Grand Master decided that even a Grand Master could not confer the degree except in a regular constituted Council, and then only on candidates who had been duly elected to receive the same.

In regard to this decision, Companion Hudson says:

"Here we beg leave to differ from the G.: M.: and the Grand Council of New Hampshire. We think the Grand Master has the right to make Cryptic Masons on sight. Such authority the Grand Masters of New York have exercised in the past, and we have seen it done. It is at times necessary, and in the case under consideration it would have led to the formation of a new Council. And while it is a power which should be sparingly exercised, and with great discretion, we think it is an important and necessary prerogative."

We agree with Companion Hudson. When we review the history of Cryptic Masonry, we find that was the way Cryptic Masonry was first introduced into New Hampshire. Benjamin Gleason organized Tyrian Council at Hopkinton,

which in 1817, received a warrant from Jeremy Cross. Who first made the material for this Council? Did the Companions of that Council receive the degree of Royal Master in a regular and duly organized Council? We think Gleason conferred the degrees and then organized the Council, which subsequently received a warrant from Cross. When the degrees were under the control of the A. A. L. Rite, the degrees were promulgated by the Inspector General of that Rite. When was the power of a Grand Master to make Masons on sight wrested from him? We were at first disposed to think the Grand Master of New Hampshire right, but upon mature reflection and investigation we must agree with Companion Hudson.

Companion Hudson's conclusion is very excellent; we would like to quote it in full, but this year we must be brief.

The Grand Council passed a resolution ratifying and accepting the constitution submitted by the Detroit Convention, in regard to the formation of a General Grand Council.

Companion Charles W. Brown, of Flushing, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion George Van Vliet, of New York, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1881.

Sixteenth annual meeting, held June 2d, 1881, was opened in ample form, at the town of Asheville; was presided over by Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master J. I. Macks.

The Deputy Grand Master delivered a short address. He referred to the organization of the General Grand Council, and among other things said:

"From the manner in which this General Grand Council was called into existence, it being the offspring of a few Royal and Select Masters, who, without any previous notice, to our or any other Grand Council, of their intentions, and for these reasons I would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of North Carolina would most fraternally decline to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States."

This resolution was adopted; which we regret, but hope all will be right in time.

Companion J. I. Macks was elected Grand Master, and Companion Donald W. Bain was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ONTARIO—1878, 1879, 1880.

The proceedings of three assemblies of this Grand Council come to us artistically arranged under one cover.

The eighth Annual Assembly was held at the city of Hamilton, August 15th, 1878.

M. I. Ill. Companion David McLellan, Grand Master, presided.

Eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

A very good address was submitted by the M.: Ill.: Grand Master, but it is only of local interest.

1879.

The ninth Assembly was held on the 13th day of August, 1879, at the city of Guelph, and Grand Master David McLellan was present and presided.

Nine chartered Councils were represented.

The M.: Ill.: Grand Master presented a short address, but it contains some very excellent things. We must quote from it. In commencing he says:

"Another year is added to the many gone before; to-day we tread upon the ashes of the past. We are now congregated in this our ninth Annual Assembly. This youngest sister on the roll of cities has generously extended us her hospitalities. We are devoutly thankful to the Giver of all good that the ever rolling stream has not carried any of our number from the shore touched by the mysterious sea that never yet has borne on any wave the image of a homeward sail."

The executive committee, in speaking on the condition of Cryptic Masonry, expressed our sentiments exactly. We clip the following:

"To have live Councils, the pruning knife must be employed, and an endeavor made to make Cryptic Masonry what it should be, an organization having the very acme of health, respected by its members and an example for other associations connected with the craft. This course, if followed out, will prevent a recurrence of the lassitude which prevails in some districts, so that our meeting next year may be one of mutual congratulation and not of regret."

Companion Joshua George Burns, of Toronto, was elected M.: Ill.: Grand Master, and Companion Daniel Spry, of Barrie, was elected Grand Recorder. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

1880.

Grand Council was held at city of Guelph, July 15th. 1880.

It was the Tenth Annual Assembly. Grand Master Joshua G. Burns presided. Eleven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very valuable and instructive address. We would like to reproduce it all in our report, but must content ourselves with a few clippings. In his closing remarks he says:

"The past and present method of doing business must cease. Officers elected to positions should feel that their duties do not begin and end when they have been installed to office and obtained the Masonic rank which they have desired. Let us couple with a desire for office, ability and energy to work for Masonry, and let us exert our influence to place the Cryptic degrees, in their proper position."

Companion Joshua G. Burns was re-elected M.: Ill.: Grand Master, and Companion Daniel Spry, was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion James B. Nixon presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he courteously reviews the proceedings of seventeen sister Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1879. He compliments Companion Geo. W. Cooley, M. I. Grand Master on his address, and quotes extensively from it. He almost brings the blush to our cheeks in his remarks regarding our report that year, for we are exceedingly modest. He quotes our "summed up in full." We forgive you, Companion Nixon.

PENNSYLVANIA—1881.

Thirty-fifth annual assembly was held at Altoona on the 16th day of February, 1881.

M. I. Grand Master William J. Fordney, presided.

Nine Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address shows slow but sure progress—perfect harmony prevails.

The Treasury shows a balance of \$1,925.67.

The committee made no review of the proceedings of other Grand Councils.

Companion George C. Johnstone, of Allegheny City, was elected Grand Master, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND—1881.

We are indebted to Companion Whitcomb of Vermont, for news from this Grand Council. Of it he says:

"At the Annual Assembly held at Providence, in March, 1881, a committee was appointed to see whether it would be for the interest of the Grand Council to become a member of the General Grand Council recently formed, and report at the next annual assembly. The returns of the Councils show a small gain in members for the past year."

Edwin Baker, M. I. Grand Master, Providence; Wm. N. Greene, Grand Recorder, Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have received no proceedings from this Grand Council since 1878.

We learn from Companion Drummond that this Grand Council, at its last annual assembly, rescinded the resolution passed in 1879, and ratified the constitution of the Detroit Convention, and is a constituent part of the General Grand Council.

W. H. D. Guillard, Grand Master; Zimmerman Davis, Grand Recorder, Charleston.

TENNESSEE—1880.

Thirty-first Annual Assembly was begun in the city of Nashville, November 11th, 1880.

Ill.: David J. Pierce, Deputy Grand Master, present and presided.

Thirteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master reported progress in the rite in that jurisdiction, but stated that circumstances over which he had no control prevented the pleasure to him of attending the Grand Assembly.

The General Grand Council was endorsed, and it was agreed by vote to become a constituent of the same.

Companion Edwin Burney, of Nashville, was elected Grand Master.

Companion John Frizzell, of Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on correspondence.

VERMONT—1881.

The proceedings of the Grand Council of Vermont for 1881, came to us in a dress more brilliant than any of her sisters. Whatever Vermont does she does well. We have of Vermont what very few have, that is a complete set of her proceedings of the Grand Council since organization up to date, and we feel proud of our conquest.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington, June 14th, 1881, and that old veteran in Masonry, Albert Conkling Hubbell, was present and presided.

Eighteen Subordinates were represented.

Grand Master Hubbell submitted another of his very eloquent and pathetic address s to the Grand Council. We copy his opening:

“Time, the ceaseless stream, has rolled another year along its rushing, endless tide. Another year, with all its interests, all its evil and good, has departed, and the record thereof is with the recording angel. But, as life hastens on, and its great work is not done, we cast our eyes toward the future, and realize that there is something to be done besides being glad or sad. We live to do, and there will be joys to sweeten our labor, and God's grace to cheer us in the sadness that comes betimes to us all. Thus day by day, the hours of our lives, those messengers of God, meet us on our way, and we accept mutely the gifts they bring, and let them go, with scarcely a look into their faces as they pass, except the few that bring us great and special gifts or keen, deep disappointment, and these photograph themselves upon our memory in lines of light, or, it may be, fire.

“As the opening chord defines the character, and holds within it the elements of the music that follows, let the key note which we strike to-day be one of sincere praise and thanksgiving, as those chords that vibrate in the sweetest harmony are swept over by the memory of God's great goodness to us since last we met in General Assembly; and yet, I would not be unmindful of the shadowed homes, of the weary hours of pain and suffering and deep affliction through which some of us have passed. God knows best. Some with plaintive tongues must walk in lowly vales of life's weary way; others in loftier hymns sing of nothing but joy, as they tread the mountain tops of life, but they all unite with-

out discord or jar, as the ascending anthem of loving and believing hearts finds its way into the chorus of the redeemed in heaven.

"It is with such thoughts as these, Illustrious Companions, that I take up the record of the Illustrious dead."

He very feelingly refers to the decease of a number of Companions, among which is Companions Leverett Brink Englerby, who died in the city of Burlington on the 27th day of February, 1831. He was Past Grand Treasurer of that jurisdiction. Also Squire Marcy, Past M. P. Grand Master, who died January 23d, 1881, at the ripe age of 78 years.

Memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings, to each of the deceased, as well as one to the memory of twelve other Companions who died during the year.

The Grand Master said that he kindly but positively insisted that the Grand Council select some other companion as Grand Master.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Council of Vermont hereby ratifies the constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, and declare its allegiance to the National body, which we trust will be useful in maintaining and perpetuating the Cryptic Rite."

The Treasury showed only \$26.66 therein.

A per capita tax of twenty-five cents was levied upon each active member of the several Councils.

The Grand Council adopted the ritual work as adopted by the General Grand Council as the authorized work of that jurisdiction.

Companion Rev. Thaddeus Shabael Fisher, of Vergennes, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion Arthur Edwards Bosworth, of Springfield, was elected Grand Recorder.

Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, and it is a good one, as everything that comes from his pen. In his usual courteous manner he reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1880.

He quotes from Grand Master Cooley's address, and gives friendly notice to our report.

We give his conclusion in full:

"Dear companions, we close another review, with the hope that you will kindly and generously bear its imperfections, and forgive anything you may consider in the least unkind. The reviewer cannot form an opinion, or comment on the opinion of another without in some degree touching the feelings of the reader. Bear in mind that what is here written is written in the hope that it may enlighten, inform, or guide the opinions of Vermont's Council Masons, and not in the least provoke ill will or unkind feelings. Laboring for many years for the upbuilding of Cryptic Masonry in Vermont, perhaps we have come to think of it in the light of an abused and neglected Rite, and feel such an interest in it that perhaps this review may convey more impatience than is really felt. Companions, know this, that the promotion of the Rite is the object at heart, and trust to the future to prove it, if you have any doubts to-day. Everything looks encouraging.

Speed the worker ! Cheer him on,
If you cannot by his side
Bear you burden, cheer him on !
His work, well done, will abide.

Cheer the worker. Do not frown
If his work accomplished shows
His zeal and skill. His renown
Will help us all. No one knows.

How the worker, in his mind,
(Not for power, or for pelf),
Sought the good of all mankind,
Never thinking of himself.

WISCONSIN—1881.

We are rejoiced to ascertain that Wisconsin has returned to her first love and organized her Grand Council. This she was led to do on account of the action of the General Grand Chapter in deciding that it had no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

For the better information of Companions of this jurisdiction, I quote the whole of the circular issued to Companions Royal and Select Masters of that jurisdiction by the Grand Council:

CIRCULAR.

To the Companions, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin:

The Committee on Councils were directed by the Grand Council to issue to the several Councils a circular, setting forth the reasons for re-forming a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, together with such instructions and recommendations as they might think would be of service to the Companions.

We therefore submit the following:

1st. February 19th, 1878, a memorial from the Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters was presented to the Grand Chapter, amounting in brief to this, viz: That the Grand Council proposed to disband its organization and allow the Grand Chapter to take control of and conduct all matters pertaining to the Council Degrees. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee from the Grand Council, and the following report was the result:

To the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Wisconsin:

Your special committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Grand Council of Wisconsin relative to transferring the Council Degrees to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report that they have conferred with said committee, and agreed upon the following recommendations:

First. That the Council Degrees be received under the charge and control of the Grand Chapter.

Second. That the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master be conferred upon all who are Royal Arch Masons at the date of the consummation of this plan, without charge.

Third. That a committee of three be appointed by the Most E.: Gr.: High Priest, to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand

Council, to carry these recommendations into effect, and to definitely settle all the preliminaries for the transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Chapter.

Fourth. The arrangements entered into by this joint committee, when approved by the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and the M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council, and published to the several Chapters and Councils, shall be the law of this jurisdiction until otherwise ordered.

Fraternally submitted.

C. F. G. COLLINS,
J. W. WOODHULL,
K. M. HUTCHINSON,

Which was received and unanimously adopted.

The report of the joint committee appointed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council were favorable to the disbandment of the Grand Council, and a surrender of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the control of the several Chapters, *i. e.* the officers of the several Chapters of this jurisdiction were authorized to open and hold Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and therein to confer these degrees subsequent to the Royal Arch Degree. The joint committee were authorized, under the supervision of the Grand High Priest, to make arrangements for carrying the same into effect, and transmit in circular form to the High Priest of each Chapter the programme as arranged by them.

Following is the circular as issued:

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, {
MILWAUKEE, MARCH 6, 1878. }

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
and the M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select
Masters, of the State of Wisconsin:*

WHEREAS, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, at their Annual Assembly held in this city, February 18th and 20th, voted to surrender to the Grand Chapter all constitutional right to confer or authorize the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and amended their constitution by first striking out the Super Excellent Master's degree, and second, all portions of the constitution claiming any right over these degrees; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter accepted the same, and has made the necessary amendments to its constitution to take control of and constitutionally confer these degrees;

Therefore, Your joint committee, appointed to arrange a detailed plan to carry out the expressed wish of these Grand Bodies, recommend as follows:

First. Each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction shall open a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, subsequent to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Second. All Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters in good standing at the date of the consummation of this transfer, shall receive the degrees without charge.

Third. In Chapters where there are not a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters to open a Council, a competent Companion may, by request of the High Priest of the Chapter, communicate the degrees to a sufficient number of Companions to open a Council, but thereafter the degrees must be properly and fully conferred.

Fourth. Each Council, on receipt of these instructions, shall properly balance its books, and forward them with all their papers and the Charter to the Grand

Secretary for safe keeping. Paraphernalia for working the degrees shall become the property of the Chapter where the Councils are located.

Fifth. No Companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues to his Council, shall be permitted to sit in a Council until his dues are paid or remitted by the Chapter of which he is a member.

Sixth. The Grand Secretary will publish, with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, a list of all Royal and Select Masters in good standing; and after the books of the several Councils are placed in his hands, he will, on application, certify to the Secretary of any Chapter the amount due from Companions, members of his Chapter who have been suspended; and when the dues are paid or remitted, the Secretary of the Chapter shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary, and he will balance the books accordingly.

Seventh. Royal Arch Masons from other jurisdictions, who have not received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, may, after becoming affiliated, receive the degrees without charge. This rule to be in effect one year from the date hereof, and no longer.

Eighth. The Ritual for these degrees shall be used as adopted by the Grand Council of this jurisdiction; and no changes whatever, except such as are made permissible by the Ritual itself, shall be tolerated.

Ninth. The Monitor of Cryptic Masonry, by Jackson H. Chase, shall be used in conferring these degrees until otherwise ordered by competent authority.

Signed,
JOHN W. WOODHULL,
WILLIAM C. SWAIN,
MELVIN L. YOUNGS,
For Grand Chapter.

CHARLES F. G. COLLINS,
CHARLES M. COTTRILL,
CHANDLER P. CHAPMAN.
For Grand Council.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST, }
Green Bay, March 11, 1878.

To John W. Woodhull, Chairman:

I have carefully examined the foregoing report, and cordially approve it, and the recommendation contained therein, and direct that you cause publication of the same to be made, at an early date, for the information and government of all Chapters in this jurisdiction, agreeably to the resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation.

OLIVER LIBBEY,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:
JOHN W. WOODHULL,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

OFFICE OF M.: I.: GRAND MASTER, }
Berlin, March 11, 1878.

The foregoing report is hereby approved by me. All Councils in this jurisdiction will immediately return their Charters to the Grand Recorder, and as soon as they can settle their indebtedness, if any, will forward their books, papers

and seals to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for safe keeping; and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin, in accordance with its action at its Annual Assembly, February 20th, 1878, will, from and after the date hereof, cease to exist.

JAMES L. BRIDGE,
M. I. Grand Master.

Attest:

JOHN W. WOODHULL,
Grand Recorder.

Some few changes have since been made in the foregoing regulations.

Since the adoption of these regulations we have prospered beyond the hopes of the most sanguine. From 360 members in 1878, we have now upon our rolls over 1300 Royal and Select Masters.

2d. To proceed to another view of this subject. Since the change we made in the manner of conferring these degrees, we have been in a fraternal manner berated for the course we pursued. Some of the Grand Councils have even gone so far as to declare all Royal and Select Masters, made under our regulations, *clandestine*, claiming that none of them could or should be admitted to their Councils. Some of our Frates think this action by Grand Council is deserving of severe criticism; but when we are reminded of the fact that such action by these Grand Councils was inconsiderate and unworthy of serious thought, and much less of serious comment, that it arose from hasty and illy considered legislation, which in time will be undone by the Frates who so hastily originated it, and all our Royal and Select Masters will be hailed by them in the fraternal manner which belongs alone to genuine Masons, we are inclined to excuse rather than condemn.

3d. The General Grand Chapter took no notice of the papers placed before it bearing upon this subject, thus placing that Grand Body on record as a non-participant in determining the matters of difference existing among the Grand Councils. At the same time there was organized at Detroit, Michigan, a so-called provisional General Grand Council for the United States, with Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond at its head. This organization, if your committee properly understand it, is to become a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, when the constitution thereof is approved by nine Grand Councils.

The formation of this Grand Body involves many questions: It was called by a self-constituted committee, organized by a committee, and a provisional constitution adopted by a committee. Whether this action on the part of our Frates, thus engaged, will reflect in their favor, or whether it will conduce to the welfare of the cryptic rite, are questions which we do not at this time propose to discuss. The facts are all we care to deal with. Presumably, those who engaged in the formation of this Illustrious Body intended to do what to them seemed best, and far be it from us to cast any slur or say a word to detract from the result of the labors of our accomplished Brethren, who have set a ball rolling, which they hope may "gather moss." While your committee are opposed to the multiplication of General Grand Bodies, the only purposes of which, in many instances, is to elect Grand Officers bearing high titles and have a good time—all well enough in itself, but calculated, we believe, to detract from the high estimation of thinking Masons and more likely than otherwise to place our beloved Fraternity in disrepute, yet, we at the same time believe that our Illustrious Brethren have in most instances been actuated by pure motives, and a sincere desire to promote the interests of the Craft.

4th. We do not desire to add fuel to the flame of indignation felt by some of our Companions, on account of the opprobrious epithet *clandestine*, which has been applied to them, neither do we propose to enter into discussion which can lead only to ill-feeling and separation. We love the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. We appreciate their value and are willing to make many sacrifices to promote their inculcation among Royal Arch

Masons. At the same time it would be unmanly on the part of your committee to leave unrecorded our contempt for the ill-advised legislation of some of the Grand Councils which have assumed to themselves the responsibility of attempting in a puerile manner to place the R.: and S.: Masters of this jurisdiction in a false position before the world.

We would, however, counsel our Companions of Wisconsin to be patient and await the result. We have in every instance done that which we believed to be for the best. If we have failed in this, time will develop the fact. So far we are satisfied.

Now, in regard to the re-formation of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, your committee have to say:

1st. A committee of the several Councils met in convention, with Fred Ring Jr., as Most Ill.: Grand Master, John M. Evans, as Deputy Grand Master, Jeremiah Watts, as Grand Prin.: Conductor of the Work, David H. Wright, as Treasurer, John W. Woodhull, as Grand Recorder, Rev. William E. Wright, as Grand Chaplain, John W. Laffin as Grand Captain of the Guard, Ira A. Hill, as Grand Conductor of the Council, William Brookman, as Grand Steward, Leonard Barrett, as Grand Sentinel.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Most Ill.: Grand Master, to draft a constitution for the government of this Grand Council.

The following committee was appointed who reported as follows:

To the Convention of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin:

Your committee, appointed to present a constitution for the government of a Grand Council, report as follows:

1st. That the Constitution of the Grand Council in force February, 1878, be and the same is hereby declared to be the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin, until the next assembly of the Grand Council in February, 1882.

2d. That any necessary modifications of the Constitution may be made by the Committee on Councils, to be hereafter appointed, and that the decisions of said committee shall be the law of this jurisdiction until such time as a revision of the Constitution shall be adopted by the Grand Council.

3d. That the officers of the convention of Royal and Select Masters, as now constituted, shall be the officers of the Grand Council for the ensuing year.

4th. That we hereby proclaim the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin to be organized under the rules and regulations, as hereinbefore set forth.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to issue to the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters, charters authorizing them to open and hold Councils of Royal and Select Masters; the same to be delivered to the Th.: Ill.: Masters of the several Councils.

Received and unanimously adopted.

The Most Ill.: Grand Master then appointed the following committees:

On Councils and Laws governing the same—John W. Woodhull, William C. Swain, Melvin L. Youngs.

To present new Constitution—John W. Woodhull, J. P. C. Cottrill, Oliver Libbey.

The Grand Council was then closed in *ample form* by the Most Ill.: Grand Master.

The foregoing sets forth the present position of the Cryptic Rite in this State. We have now a Grand Council fully organized, and prepared to issue charters to all our Councils, thus doing away with all objections to the course we have here-

tofore pursued. We are now in a position from which no Grand Council can appeal, and if our Fraters of other jurisdictions are actuated by pure motives and a desire to promote the interests of the craft, no further controversy can follow.

We have now fifty-two Councils regularly organized and chartered by the Grand Council of Wisconsin. We believe our Companions will greet us and recognize us as Royal and Select Masters, entitled to all those courtesies which are and ever should be extended by true Masons. Should the Grand Councils conclude otherwise, we feel prepared to vindicate the course pursued by us, and to prove beyond question that our position is correct, that we have in this jurisdiction no *clandestine* Royal and Select Masters, that all have been properly and legitimately made, and as such should be fraternally received and greeted by all our sister jurisdictions.

Why this course has been pursued by us, and why a Grand Council has been again organized in this jurisdiction, is the business of no other State. We have accomplished that which we commenced in 1878, viz., a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, without expense to any one.

To conclude, your committee desire to congratulate the Companions of this jurisdiction upon the result attained. It was not the purpose of those who entered upon the change as set forth, to violate any law, nor to incur the displeasure of the Companions of other jurisdictions. We were honest in our intentions, deliberated upon the methods finally adopted with a sincere wish for the good of all interested, and have by the means employed, accomplished more for the Cryptic Rite in this State, than could possibly have been done in any other way.

We are proud of our record and prepared to vindicate it, when approached in a fraternal manner, but do not propose to lower ourselves to answer invectives from those who have no knowledge of that of which they speak. Our standard is planted on a rampart where no foe can reach it, and the manner of its being done is of no consequence to any one but ourselves. The Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin will take care of the Rite in this State.

Most fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. WOODHULL,
WILLIAM C. SWAIN,
MELVIN L. YOUNGS.
Committee.

It appears that the increase in membership during three years is from 360 to 1,450.

What Grand Council can make a better showing?

The Grand Council was organized February 15th, 1881, with Companion Fred King, Jr., M. I. Grand Master, with representatives from fifty-one Subordinate Councils.

The constitution in force at the dissolution in 1878 was adopted until the annual assembly to be held in February, 1882.

Companion Fred King, of La Crosse, M. I. Grand Master, Companion John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Wisconsin stands in the first ranks, and we cheerfully extend the right hand of fellowship and fraternal recognition.

SUMMED UP.

Now we approach our journey's end,
Our task is nearly done ;
We now make our obeisance
To Companions every one.
We regret the offerings we bring
Are not so very good ;
Yet with materials, time and pay,
We've done the best we could.

The "Grand rounds" we have taken,
To salute the Sentinel ;
To see that each was at his post,
To see that "All was well."
To see the gates were all secure,
The jewels all were bright,
To ask of each and every guard,
"Watchman, what of the night?"

In Alabama "all is well,"
There is Companion Sayre.
And he will e'er stand at the helm,
In weather foul or fair.
And California's still alive,
Although much has been said,
And Meyer, of Pennsylvania,
Had reported her as dead.

Connecticut e'er cautious, like
Her correspondent, Lee,
Decided she would wait a year
And see what she could see.
While Florida is very slow,
She hardly ever fails ;
We wish *Postmaster* Carlovitz
Would hurry up the mails.

And Georgia has an *Armstrong*
To succor and to save
The degrees of Cryptic Masonry
From an ignominious grave ;
And Illinois has got two heads,
So she can look both ways.
Indiana is as steady as
The maid of other days.

And Kansas still is active, and
Is earnest and is true ;
While fair Louisiana can be
Equaled but by few.
And Maryland comes to the front
In new, yet modest dress,
And vows the "Cryptic infant" rocked
In her cradle, "more or less."

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As to Maine and Massachusetts,
 We haven't much to say ;
 For each has *too* good generals
 To ever go astray.
 And Michigan moves to the van,
 As ever firm and staid ;
 For Hugh McC and Garrie B,
 Will never retrograde.

Missouri, we are glad to see,
 Had no intent to wed ;
 Nor as Meyer and Whitcomb both declared,
 Was numbered with the dead ;
 Though wounded on the skirmish line,
 She counted well the cost ;
 And concluded all she had received
 Was but a scratch at most.

North Carolina has come back again
 As smiling as before ;
 The plan "Amalgamation," she
 Don't long for any more.
 Nebraska, we are satisfied,
 Will to her boats return ;
 Two years ago she left behind, but
 Wisely did not burn.

New Hampshire, as her rocks and hills,
 Is ever firm and staid ;
 New Jersey shows timidity,
 And seems to be afraid ;
 While New York yet stands foremost,
 And never can be beat
 When led by such as Osgoodby.
 Brown, Hudson and Vanvleit.

Ohio has a Cunningham, who
 Every problem solves ;
 Likewise she has a SENTER,
 Around which she revolves ;
 Ontario, as we have heard,
 Has gone into the "Ark ;"
 And as to all her doings, we
 Are left out in the dark.

Pennsylvania, ever strong and firm,
 Will always hold her own.
 And as she e'er has done before,
 "Will "play her hand alone."
 Little Rhoda does not tell us, all
 The good things she has seen ;
 But we soon shall hear her story, from
 Her Grand Recorder Greene.

Tennessee, among the vigilant,
Has done her work up well ;
She e'er has had a leader, in
That veteran Frizzell ;
South Carolina has flanked to the right,
Has turned herself about ;
And whether in camp or on the march,
Will keep her pickets out.

Green Mountain Boys will ever keep
Their jewels shining bright.
Are first in war and first in peace.
First in the Cryptic Rite.
Good leaders they have always had,
Firm, earnest, true and brave,
Who always led to victory,
To succor and to save.

O, Woodhull ! O, Wisconsin !
We rejoice that you still live ;
We take back all that we have said,
And freely say forgive ;
Let Whitcomb close his triangle,
And Meyer cease to weep,
For you were out recruiting, while
The others were asleep.

Minnesota, moving onward, flings
Her banner to the breeze,
And sends greeting to Companions to
All countries, lands and seas.
May each one keep his trowel bright
Until the call for rest ;
May Faith and Hope and fervent Love
Abide in every breast.

And when at last the end shall come,
The final trump shall blow ;
When each shall reap and gather in
Whatever he may sow :
May all our work accepted be
May each be truly blest,
Then may the Great Grand Master say,
Enter into my rest.

Faternally submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,
For the Committee

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GROVE B. COOLEY, M. L. G. M.	Minneapolis.
C. HENRY BENTON, R. L. D. G. M.	Minneapolis.
THEODORE BURKHARD, R. L. G. P. C. of W.	St. Paul.
G. W. MERRILL, R. L. G. T.	St. Paul.
WILLIAM CHENEY, R. L. G. Recorder	Minneapolis.
W. W. SPAULDING, Grand C. of G.	Duluth.
J. P. POND, Grand C. of C.	St. Paul.
J. M. WILLIAMS, Grand Marshal	Minneapolis.
REV. D. B. KNICKERBACKER, Grand Chaplain	Minneapolis.
S. J. WILLARD, Grand Steward	Red Wing.
HARRY BIRMINGHAM, Grand Sentinel	St. Paul.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 9th day of October, 1882, at 4 o'clock P. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

AT ITS

Thirteenth Annual Assembly,

HELD AT

THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, OCT. 9, A. D. 1882, A. D. P. 2882.

GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis, Grand Master.

WM. CHENEY, Minneapolis, Grand Recorder.

MINNEAPOLIS:

JOHNSON, SMITH & HARRISON,
1882.

*Freemasons, Minnesota, Royal and Select
Masters, Grand Council.*

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Grand Council of Minnesota.

The Grand Council Assembled at Masonic Hall in the City of St. Paul, on Monday, October 9th, 1882, at the hour of 4 o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, M. I. D. Grand Master.
Companion R. W. CUMMINGS, as R. I. D. Grand Master.
Companion THEODORE BURKHARD, R. I. P. C. of Work.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer.
Companion WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder.
Companion JOHN H. LAVAQUE, as Grand C. of G.
Companion D. M. BALDWIN, as Grand C. of C.
Companion J. B. CULVER, as Grand Steward.
Companion J. C. FISHER, as Grand Sentinel.

With representatives from Subordinate Councils and other illustrious companions.

OPENING.

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials, to-wit: Companions Wm. Cheney, D. M. Baldwin and John H. Lavaque.

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The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

That the following representatives are entitled to seats in the Grand Council, to-wit:

ST. PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Henry Brand, T. I. M.
Theodore Burkhard, R. I. M.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Wm. Cheney, R. I. M.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Dwight M. Baldwin, T. I. M.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 5.

R. W. Cummings, T. I. M.

DULUTH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

J. B. Culver, T. I. M.
John H. Lavaque, R. I. M.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Wm. S. Combs, P. M. I. G. M.
G. W. Merrill, P. M. I. G. M.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grove B. Cooley, M. I. G. M.
Theodore Burkhard, G. P. C. of the W.
G. W. Merrill, Grand Treasurer.
Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder.

GRAND COUNCILS REPRESENTED.

England and Wales.....	Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis.
Georgia.....	G. W. Merrill, St. Paul.
Massachusetts.....	Wm. S. Combs, St. Paul.
Michigan.....	Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis.
New Jersey.....	D. M. Baldwin, Red Wing.
Maine.....	Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis.
Ontario.....	Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis.
Illinois.....	Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis.
Tennessee.....	Theodore Burkhard, St. Paul.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions:

It has been a year since last we met in Grand Assembly. To some it has been a year of pain, suffering and sorrow. To some, one of tears, grief and tribulation; while to others it has been one of smiles, joy and gladness. It has been just such a year as other years have been that have preceded it; full of toil, care, faith, hope, anxiety and great expectations. It has been another year of man wrestling with his fellow man for the wages of worldly possessions or political preferment. A year of building up and tearing down, of opulence and adversity, of the "rise and fall of man."

We of the Cryptic Rite, who meet here to-day in Grand Assembly, have reason to deem ourselves most fortunate to have lived another year, and to look each other in the face, and to grasp the hand fraternal, and for this good fortune we would give our heartfelt thanks to our Father who is in Heaven.

As a Grand Body our circle is unbroken, but two of our Subordinates have been less fortunate—Tyrian Council, No. 4, has lost two by death during the year, and St. Paul Council, No. 1, has lost one companion, of whom we shall speak hereafter.

OFFICIAL.

I have but very little to report in regard to my official acts during the year. There has been no question of Masonic law submitted to me for decision, and no grievance that has come to my knowledge. All is peace and harmony.

My correspondence has been quite extensive. I have been persistent in trying to gather all the information possible in regard to Cryptic Masonry, in every foreign as well as in my own jurisdiction.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On the 25th day of January, 1882, I received a communication from R.: Ill. Companion Andrew M. Wolihin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Georgia, informing me of the decease of R.: Ill. Companion Thomas J. Perry, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota, near the Grand Council of Georgia.

He died on the 28th day of September, A. D. 1878. Companion Wolihin was of the impression that the Grand Master of Georgia had notified the Grand Council of Minnesota of his death at the time it occurred; but it seems not.

The Grand Council of Georgia has printed its proceedings only once in seven years, and it is not strange that other jurisdictions should be in the dark as to what has been done—who are alive and who are dead.

At the suggestion of Companion Wolihin, I appointed Illustrious Companion James W. Taylor, of Lutherville, Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota, near the Grand Council of Georgia, in place of R.: Ill. Thomas J. Perry, deceased.

As the Grand Council of Georgia had no Representative near the Grand Council of Minnesota, I recommended M.: I.: P.: G.: M.: G. W. Merrill to be

appointed such Representative, and he informs me that he has received his commission, and will present it for acceptance at this Grand Assembly and ask to be accepted as such.

SCOTLAND.

It affords me great pleasure to have the honor to report to you of the formation of the Grand Council of Scotland, which was organized on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1880, and I hope this Grand Council will extend to the Grand Council of Scotland the right hand of fellowship.

On the 12th day of September, 1882, I received a communication from Companion R. S. Brown, Illustrious Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Scotland in reference to appointment of Representatives near the Grand Councils of Minnesota and Scotland, and I duly appointed and commissioned Captain Charles Hunter, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Scotland, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota near the Grand Council of Scotland, which appointment, I hope this Grand Council will confirm.

DISPENSATIONS.

On the 4th day of May, 1882, I received a petition, signed by nine regular Royal and Select Masters, residents of the City of Fergus Falls, in this State, members of Minneapolis Council, No. 2, praying for a dispensation to form a Council at the said City of Fergus Falls.

Being personally acquainted with most of the Companions and knowing them to be good men and live Masons, and the petition being unanimously recommended by Minneapolis Council, No. 2, I cheerfully granted the prayer of the petitioners, and appointed Companion George F. Cowing, Thrice Ill. Master, Companion Theodore S. Benson, Ill. Deputy Master, and Companion Charles C. Warfield, Principal Conductor of the Work.

From the known energy of the Companions at Fergus Falls, and from the communications received from them, I entertain no doubts as to the progress of the Cryptic Rite in that place.

They undoubtedly will bring up work for inspection at this Grand Assembly, which I trust will be acceptable and a charter granted.

On the 25th day of May, 1882, I received a petition signed by twelve Regular Royal and Select Masters, residing at or near the City of Austin, in this State, all but one (Companion Daniel B. Smith) being members of Minneapolis Council, No. 2, asking a dispensation to form a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Austin, to be named Austin Council.

I most willingly granted the request, the petition being unanimously recommended by Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and named as Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion Daniel B. Smith, of Austin; Illustrious Deputy Master, Companion Henry H. Wells, of Preston, and as Principal Conductor of the Work, Companion Eugene Wood, of Austin.

Subsequent to the granting of the dispensation, with Right Illustrious D. G. Master, C. Henry Benton, Illustrious Companion Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder, Companion John R. Everard, P. M. Illustrious Grand Master of Michigan, Companions J. M. Williams, T. I. M. and C. M. Foote, P. C.

of the Work, of Minneapolis Council, No. 2, and Companion Wm. F. Campbell I visited the Council at Austin, granted it a dispensation to receive petitions^s and ballot thereon at the same Assembly, and assisted in conferring the degrees on five candidates.

The Companions of Austin extended to us their most generous hospitality while we were with them, and when we bade them good-bye, we all felt it were good to go to Austin. I can but feel that the Cryptic Rite in such hands as the Companions at Austin, can but be prosperous.

VISITATIONS.

On the 27th day of December, 1881, I was invited to be present at a public installation of the officers of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, and Lagrange R. A. C. No. 4, which invitation I accepted, and while there, visited Tyrian Council, No. 4, and installed the officers.

Companion D. M. Baldwin is Thrice Illustrious Master, and from his well known persistency in whatever he undertakes, I expect a good report as to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that Council. The Red Wing boys are second to none in energy, cordiality and hospitality.

COMPANION GOVE.

At a special Assembly of the Grand Council, held at the hall of Adoniram Council, No. 5, in the City of Minneapolis, September 13, 1876, at 7:30 P. M., Companion R. H. Gove, late a member of Rochester Council, No. 3, was indefinitely suspended.

After a careful examination of the matter, I am satisfied that it would be for the good of the Cryptic Rite that the suspension of Companion Gove be discontinued, and that he be restored to all the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry, and I therefore recommend such action on the part of this Grand Council.

PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

On the 31st day of July, 1882, at the request of the Committee hereinafter named, I addressed the following communication to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Geo. W. Cooley, and received his reply thereto, herewith presented:

MINNEAPOLIS, July 31, 1882.

To Geo. W. Cooley, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota:

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR—At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota, held at the City of St. Paul, on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1880, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, That we, the members of this Grand Council, acknowledging the services of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Geo. W. Cooley, in his efforts to sustain the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction, and in his services in attending the several conventions held for that purpose, do hereby tender to him the sincere thanks of this Grand Council. And we further recommend the appointment of a committee to accord to our Grand Master a suitable acknowledgement of such services.”

A Committee consisting of Companions Wm. A. Spaulding, Wm. Cheney and John Lavaque, was appointed to carry out the wishes of the Grand Council.

This Committee in pursuance of the duty imposed, on behalf of the Grand Council, take great pleasure in presenting to you, Most Illustrious Sir, this Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's Jewel, as a slight token of the appreciation of your very great services to the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction, and of the love and esteem of the members of this Grand Council.

I trust you will receive it in the spirit in which it is given, not for its intrinsic value, nor for any recompense, but as a remembrance of the Companions whose warm hearts beat in unison with yours, in the great struggle for the preservation of the beautiful Council degrees.

Fraternally yours,

GROVE B. COOLEY.

M. I. Grand Master, for the Committee.

To Most Illustrious Companion Grove B. Cooley, Grand Master, and Illustrious Companions Wm. A. Spaulding, Wm. Cheney and John Lavaque, Committee:

"I accept with heartfelt thanks the beautiful testimonial you have sent me by Companion Spaulding, and as I read the kind letter of presentation from our honored Grand Master, a flood of recollection passes over my mind, and I am again with those dear Companions by whose side for many years I shared the labor of building up and maintaining our beautiful Rite, until at last, with rejoicing and praise, we saw our work completed, and heard the welcome words, 'This is a beautiful piece of work, and the Companions who wrought it shall in due time receive their reward.'"

"Companions, I have for years been bound to Cryptic Masonry by a stronger tie than these golden links you have given me. I have carried in my heart for over a decade of years a fervent love for all that is symbolized on the Jewel, and shall long be reminded by the gift of the fraternal love of my Companions, and the mystic chain that unites us in a complete and perfect Brotherhood.

"Though the cares of a busy life have, during the past few years, prevented my enjoying the pleasures of Masonic intercourse as often as when I wrought with you in the secret vault, yet it gives me great pleasure to look back to those years, gone, never to return, and know that I am not forgotten by those with whom I labored for the preservation of the most beautiful of Masonic degrees, the Royal and Select. Companions, again I thank you, and our Grand Council, and add the fervent wish, that the future of our beloved Rite, and yours, may be long and happy and prosperous.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. W. COOLEY.

"Past M. I. Grand Master."

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

St. Paul Council, No. 1.

From all I can learn this Council is virtually DEAD. I tried to get into communication with the officers, but failed. I wrote Companion G. W. Merrill and got a reply to the effect that no Assembly has been held for the last two years; that the Council ought to be treated as dormant and that the estate ought to be administered upon. There is a large membership of about seventy, the most of whom are utterly useless except to count on the returns and tax list. The few efficient members are discouraged. I cannot see why a good Council cannot be supported at St. Paul. I wrote to the Recorder to call together the members of the Council, notify me, and I would be present and we would see what could be done, and as I understood there were candidates elected, I

would assist in conferring the degrees, but I received no answer. I refer the matter to the Grand Council to take such action as will be deemed for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry in St. Paul.

Minneapolis Council, No. 2.

This Council is in a very promising condition, has live and faithful officers, and the work is very efficiently done. Sixty-three have passed the circle during the year. Total membership 167.

Adoniram Council, No. 5.

This Council is prosperous, well officered, and the work is well done, and when we know that our estimable Companion Ill. D.:G.:M.: C. Henry Benton is a leading spirit in this Council, we could expect nothing but prosperity. He never labors but to succeed. Ten have passed the circle during the year. Membership at date 55.

Duluth Council, No. 6.

The information I receive from this Council is not all discouraging. Some work has been done, and the Companions are energetic and hopeful. Two passed the circle during the year. Total membership at date 23.

Tyrian Council, No. 4.

This Council is in a prosperous condition, but has been unfortunate in the loss of members by death:

- A. J. Clark died November 12, 1879.
- Charles R. Brink died March 2, 1881.
- F. B. Clark died September 15, 1880.
- James B. Dorman died May 30, 1882.
- W. W. Sweeney died August 12, 1882.

These are all the deaths of which I have been apprised. I would recommend that a page in the proceedings be set apart to the memory of these deceased Companions, and including such others, if any, as may be reported as having died during the year.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, we have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon the success of our efforts in the cause of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. All the obstructions that for awhile seemed to impede its progress have been removed, and there is now a steady increase in membership as well as in interest.

In 1876 our total membership was 163. The increase since has been as follows:

In 1877.....	52
In 1878.....	15
In 1879.....	6
In 1880.....	41
In 1881.....	12
In 1882.....	68

Total membership at date.....367

This record compares favorably with the Grand Lodge, Chapter and Commandery in proportion to membership and number of Subordinate bodies. And what is true in Minnesota is true in other jurisdictions. Then while we have no reason to be discouraged, we have every reason to be proud of our record.

If you are careful in the selection of your officers, remembering that upon them in a great measure depends success or failure, if you are sure to select Companions who are imbued with a genuine love and attachment for the Rite, and who have the life, the energy and the will to do justice to the Council and credit to themselves; if you are careful not to select those who are already overloaded with the burdens and honors of office in the other Masonic bodies, in short, if you will elect none but earnest, capable and zealous officers, you need have no fear for the success and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in Minnesota. But if you elect those who are negligent and uninterested, or those whose "honors are so thick upon them" that they have not time to attend to all, of course your Councils will be sure to decline. If you are not properly officered you are not ready for the contest, and if you enter the conflict you will most likely be defeated.

Companions, in returning to you the gavel which one year ago you so kindly and confidently placed in my hands, permit me to thank you for the honor conferred upon, and the trust reposed in me, and for the kindness and courtesy which you have at all times extended to me.

I have no excuses to offer for acts of omission or commission, but will simply say, I have tried to do my duty.

We will now proceed to the duties of this, our Thirteenth Annual Assembly.

And may all that we do, be done in that spirit of harmony and love, which should ever prevail among the laborers in the Secret Vault, and be to the permanent benefit of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction, and to the Craft universal.

GROVE B. COOLEY,

M.:I.: Grand Master.

Which was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's address.

The Grand Recorder then presented his Annual Report, which, on motion was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 9, 1882.

To the M.:III. Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Grand Recorder respectfully presents his Annual Report as follows:

Grand Council of Minnesota.....	Cr.
By Balance on hand Oct. 10, 1881.....	\$112 25
“ Received of W. A. Spaulding, G.:T.:.....	12 00
“ Received of Duluth Council, No. 6, for assessment for 1881..	5 25
“ Received of Adoniram Council, No. 5, for dues 1881.....	11 50
“ Received of Tyrian Council, No. 4, for special tax 1880..	12 50

" Received of Tyrian Council, No. 4, for dues for 1881	12 50
" Received of Fergus Falls Council, U. D., for dispensation	20 00
" Received of Austin Council, U. D., for dispensation	20 00
" Received of Minneapolis Council, No. 2, for dues for 1882	104 75

Cr.	\$310 75
To paid Grand Treasurer.	\$310 75

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Oct. 9, Received of Tyrian Council, No. 4, annual dues 1882	\$14 75
" Received of Adoniram Council, No. 5, dues and assessments, (55 members)	23 75
" Received of Duluth Council, No. 6, annual dues	7 75
Total	\$46 25

There is due the Grand Recorder for postage during the year, \$7.75.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, to-wit:

On Grand Master's Address—Companions G. W. Merrill, D. M. Baldwin and John H. Lavaque.

On Transcript of Councils, U. D.—Theodore Burkhard, Wm. Cheney and G. W. Merrill.

On Returns of Chartered Councils—D. M. Baldwin, J. M. Williams and W. S. Combs.

On Appeals and Grievances—W. S. Combs, J. B. Culver and R. W. Cummings.

On Finance—D. M. Baldwin, J. P. Pond and John H. Lavaque.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—C. Henry Benton, G. W. Merrill and D. M. Baldwin

On Foreign Correspondence—C. Henry Benton, G. W. Merrill and J. B. Culver

On motion of Companion Wm. Cheney it was:

Voted; That all Royal and Select Masters in good and regular standing be invited to sit as visitors during this Grand Assembly.

Voted; That the reading of the minutes of the last Regular Grand Assembly be omitted, printed copies of the proceedings being on the Grand Recorder's desk.

A bill from Johnson, Smith & Harrison for printing was presented, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report. On motion of Companion Wm. S. Combs it was ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on the M. I. Grand Master's Address presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master for subdivision and reference, beg leave to submit the following report:

FIRST—That the recommendation of the M. I. Grand Master in reference to deceased Companions be adopted, and that a memorial page be set apart to their memory. That a memorial page be set apart to the memory of Companion Thomas J. Perry, late Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota near the Grand Council of Georgia.

SECOND—That so much and such parts as relates to the appointing of Grand Representatives of this Grand Council near the Grand Councils of Georgia and Scotland be confirmed.

THIRD—That so much and such parts as relates to Councils U. D. be referred to the Committee on Transcript of Councils U. D.

FOURTH—That so much and such parts thereof as relates to Companion R. H. Gove, be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

FIFTH—That so much as relates to St. Paul Council, No. 1, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

SIXTH—That the residue of the address be referred to a special Committee of three.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
G. W. MERRILL,
JOHN H. LAVAQUE.

The Grand Council was then called off until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock P. M., same officers as at opening.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report :

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances to whom was referred the matter of Companion R. H. Gove, would respectfully report that after mature

deliberation we would offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Companion R. H. Gove be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry.

WM. S. COMBS,
J. B. CULVER.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

ST. PAUL, Oct. 9, 1882.

To the Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following report of moneys received and disbursements during the past year:

1881.

Nov. 25—Received from Companion Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder, vouchers for moneys paid by him.....	\$111 55
Nov. 25—Cash of Companion Wm. Cheney.....	70
Nov. 30—Cash of Companion W. A. Spaulding, Grand Treasurer.....	36 70
Nov. 30—Received from Companion Wm. Cheney, vouchers of Companion W. A. Spaulding for moneys paid by him.....	12 00

1882.

Oct. 9—Received Cash of Companion Wm. Cheney.....	186 50
Total receipts.....	\$347 45

Cr.

By Cash paid out by Companion Wm. Cheney.....	\$111 55
By Cash paid out by Companion W. A. Spaulding.....	12 00
Feb. 23—By Cash paid Johnson, Smith & Harrison	50 00

Total disbursements.....	\$173 55
Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$173 90

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MERRILL,
Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils then submitted the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils respectfully report, that they have examined the returns of all the Chartered Councils in this jurisdiction and find them correct, with the following summary:

Name of Council.	Membership.	Dues.
St. Paul, No. 1	72	\$ 18 00
Minneapolis, No. 2.....	167	104 75
Tyrian, No. 4.....	47	14 75
Adoniram, No. 5.....	55	23 75
Duluth, No. 6.....	23	7 75
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Total.....	364	\$169 00

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
WM. S. COMBS.

The Committee on Residue of Grand Master's Address then submitted their report, which was adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Residue of the Grand Master's Address, respectfully submit the following report:

That after careful consideration of the same, they recall nothing requiring further attention or consideration.

But we take great pleasure in availing ourselves of this opportunity to express our thanks to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his able address, also for the satisfactory manner in which the past year's business has been conducted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY BRAND,
J. B. CULVER,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN.

On motion of Companion D. M. Baldwin it was ordered that the Grand Recorder notify Companion R. H. Gove as to the action of this Grand Council as to himself.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence then submitted the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address as relates to St. Paul Council, No. 1, beg leave to report,

That after due deliberation we think it for the good of Cryptic Masonry that further time be granted the Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Recorder then submitted a supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers. Companions Henry Brand and J. B. Culver were appointed as tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

Companion Grove B. Cooley.....M. I. G. M.
Companion Theodore Burkhard.....R. I. D. G. M.
Companion D. M. Baldwin.....R. I. P. C. of W.
Companion G. W. Merrill.....Grand Treasurer.
Companion Wm. Cheney.....Grand Recorder.

INSTALLATION.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Wm. S. Combs, then installed the elective officers, Illustrious Companion J. P. Pond acting as Grand Marshal.

The Most Illustrious Companion, Grove B. Cooley, then made the following appointments, and they were duly installed :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Companion R. W. Cummings, Minneapolis.....G. C. of G.
Companion J. B. Culver, Duluth.....G. C. of C.
Companion D. B. Knickerbacker, Minneapolis.....Grand Chaplain.
Companion Henry Brand, St. Paul...Grand Marshal.
Companion John H. Lavaque, Duluth.....Grand Steward.

Report of Finance Committee:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of Grand Recorder and Treasurer, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct. And that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$173.90. We also find there is still due from St. Paul Council, No. 1, assessments and dues for 1877-8, \$55.50, and also their assessment dues for the year 1882, \$18.00, making a total amount due \$73.50. We also find by a supplemental report from the Grand Recorder that he has in his hands the sum of \$46.25.

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$173 90
Cash in Grand Recorder's hands	46 25
Due from St. Paul Council, No. 1.....	73 50
Total resources.....	\$293 65

We approve the account of Johnson, Smith & Harrison for blank returns, \$6.00; also bill of Grand Recorder for postage, amount \$7.75, and recommend orders be drawn for the respective amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
JOHN H. LAVAQUE,
JAS. P. POND.

On motion of Companion W. S. Combs it was voted to pay Companion J. C. Fisher, acting Grand Sentinel, the sum of \$2.00 for his services.

On motion of Companion D. M. Baldwin, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, for the use of the hall at this Grand Assembly.

On motion of Companion Wm. S. Combs, it was voted that an order of \$25.00 be drawn on the Grand Treasurer to the Grand Recorder for his services during the past year.

On motion of Companion Wm. S. Combs, it was voted that an order for \$25.00 be drawn in favor of Companion Grove B. Cooley as a slight compensation for his services as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Companion D. M. Baldwin, it was voted that five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Assembly be printed, and that the M.:I.: Grand Master and the R.:I.: Grand Recorder be a Committee to attend to the same.

On motion of Companion Wm. Cheney, it was voted that the next Grand Assembly of this Grand Council be held in the City of St. Paul on the day previous to the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Transcripts of Councils, U. D., then submitted the following report :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of R.: and S.: Masters, now in session :

Your Committee on Transcript of Councils, U. D., to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to such Councils, would report that we recommend that the M.:I.:G.: Master and R.:I.:G.: Recorder be authorized to issue charters to the Councils, U. D., provided they find them entitled to the same.

THEODORE BURKHARD,
WM. CHENEY,
G. W. MERRILL,
Committee.

On motion of Companion D. M. Baldwin, the report was amended so as to exclude the Council, U. D., at Fergus Falls, and that the dispensation as to said Council be continued another year.

The report as amended was adopted.

The credentials of G. W. Merrill as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Georgia, near the Grand Council of Minnesota, were presented and accepted.

There being no further business the Grand Council of Minnesota was closed in AMPLE FORM.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
M.:I.:G.: Master.

Attest:

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND RECORDERS—POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Name.	Post office Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayer.....	Montgomery
Arkansas.....	L. E. Barber.....	Little Rock
California.....	Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco
Connecticut.....	J. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford
England and Wales.....	D. M. Dewar.....	{ 8 Red Lion Square, High { Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz...	Milton
Georgia.....	Andrew M. Wolihin.....	Albany
Illinois.....	Gill. W. Barnhard.....	Chicago
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis
Iowa.....	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans
Maine ..	Ira Berry.....	Portland
Maryland.....	Geo. L. McCahan.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	Alfred F. Chapman...	Boston
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit
Minnesota. .	Wm. Cheney.....	Minneapolis
Missouri.....	W. H. Mayo.....	St. Louis
New Hampshire.....	Geo. P. Cleaves.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel....	Trenton
New York.....	George Van Vleit.....	New York
Nebraska.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha
North Carolina.....	Daniel W. Bain.....	Raleigh
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati
Ontario.....	Daniel Spry.....	Barrie
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia
Rhode Island.....	Wm. B. Greene.....	Providence
Scotland.....	Robert S. Brown...5 Marchmont Terrace,	Edinburgh
South Carolina.....	Zimmerman Davis.....	Charleston
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville
Vermont.....	Arthur E. Bosworth.....	Springfield
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull....	Milwaukee

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post office Address.
Alabama.....	Charles Leonard.....	St. Paul
California.....	Fred L. Smith.....	Minneapolis
Connecticut.....	B. F. Wright.....	St. Paul
England and Wales.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Florida.....	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis
Georgia.....	G. W. Merrill.....	St. Paul
Illinois.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Indiana.....	S. J. Willard.....	Red Wing
Louisiana.....	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis
Maine.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Maryland.....	A. A. Ames.....	Minneapolis
Massachusetts.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul
Michigan.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Missouri.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
New Jersey.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	Red Wing
New Hampshire.....	C. Henry Benton.....	Minneapolis
New York.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Ohio.....	Wm. Lochren.....	Minneapolis
Ontario.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Pennsylvania.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Rhode Island.....	B. F. Wright.....	St. Paul
South Carolina.....	Fred Woodburne.....	St. Paul
Tennessee.....	Theodore Burkhard.....	St. Paul
Vermont.....	Charles Leonard.....	St. Paul
Wisconsin.....	Fred Joss.....	Red Wing

REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post office Address.
Alabama.....	Wm. W. McCollum.....	Selma
California ...	George T. Grimes.....	San Francisco
Connecticut.....	Fred H. Waldron.....	New Haven
England and Wales.....	Frederick Binkes {	2 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz	Milton
Georgia.....	James W. Taylor.....	Lutherville
Indiana.....	Albert P. Charles	Seymour
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte
Louisiana.....	George J. Pinkhard.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	Charles J. Colamore.....	Bangor
Maryland.....	S. C. Bush.....	Baltimore
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble	Detroit
Missouri.....	Allan McDowell.....	St. Louis
New Hampshire.....	Joseph W. Hildreth.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	
New York....	A. B. King.....	Troy
Ohio.....	David S. Fisher.....	Kenton
Ontario.....	W. H. Porter.....	Bradford
Pennsylvania	Geter C. Shidle.....	Pittsburg
Rhode Island.....	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence
Scotland.....	Captain Charles Hunter	Edinburgh
South Carolina.....	J. E. C. Dupre.....	Abbeville
Tennessee.....	W. R. Shaver.....	New Middleton
Vermont.....	Albert C. Hubbell	Bennington
Wisconsin.....	J. P. C. Cottrel.....	Milwaukee

ANNUAL RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE COUNCILS
FOR THE YEAR 1882.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry Brand.....	T. I. M.
Theodore Burkhard.....	R. I. M.
Geo. W. Robertson.....	P. C. of W.
Wm. S. Combs.....	Recorder.
James P. Pond.....	C. of G.
Wm. N. Cumby.....	C. of C.
M. C. Teneyck.....	Steward.
Harry Birmingham.....	Sentinel.

Total membership, 72.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular meeting, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Williams.....	T.:I.:M.:
Wm. Cheney.....	R.:I.:M.:
C. M. Foote.....	P.:C.: of W.:
T. F. Hurley.....	Treasurer.
John A. Schlener.....	Recorder.
C. C. Brand.....	C.: of G.:
George A. Reichard	C.: of C.:
George A. Todd.....	Steward.
Wm. Cove.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 167.	

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular Assembly, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Dwight M. Baldwin	T.:I.:M.:
Silas B. Foote.....	R.:I.:M.:
Fred Joss.....	P.:C.: of W.:
Lewis C. Smith.....	Treasurer.
Tams Bixby.....	Recorder.
Wesley O. Dodge.	C.: of G.:
Charles L. Kellogg.....	C.: of C.:
Abram Howe, Jr.....	Steward.
John L. Hastings.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 47.	

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS EAST.

Regular Assembly, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Cummings.	T.: I.: M.:
W. E. Johnson.	R.: I.: M.:
O. A. Broughton.	P.: C.: of W.:
H. M. Kent.	Treasurer.
Solon Armstrong.	Recorder.
A. Z. Levering.	C.: of G.:
A. Dale.	C.: of C.:
W. H. Nudd.	Steward.
J. C. Berry.	Sentinel.
Total membership, 55.	

DULUTH COUNCIL NO. 6.

DULUTH.

Regular Assembly, first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John B. Culver.	T.: I.: M.:
John H. Lavaque.	R.: I.: M.:
Melvin J. Forbes.	P.: C.: of W.:
John R. Carey.	Treasurer.
George N. Lavaque.	Recorder.
John H. Upham.	C.: of G.:
Timothy A. Olmsted.	C.: of C.:
Jerome E. Cooley.	Steward.
George S. Huse.	Sentinel.
Total membership 23.	

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 7.

OFFICERS.

Daniel B. Smith.....	T. I. M.
Henry R. Wells.....	R. I. M.
Eugene Wood.....	P. C. of W.
Edward C. Dorr.....	Treasurer.
Charles H. Davidson.....	Recorder.
Anton Frederick.....	C. of G.
James S. Anderson.....	C. of C.
Frank D. Beecher.....	Steward.
A. K. Vanderwarker.....	Sentinel.
Total membership, 17.	

All but the following have been reported as members of Minneapolis Council, No. 2.

James S. Anderson,
 Jackson D. Beecher,
 Frank D. Beecher,
 A. K. Vanderwarker,
 H. J. Anderson,
 Daniel B. Smith.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1882.

St. Paul, No. 1, Passed the Circle.....	0	Membership....	70
Minneapolis, No. 2, Passed the Circle.....	63	Membership....	167
Tyrian, No. 4, Passed the Circle.....	3	Membership....	47
Adoniram, No. 5, Passed the Circle.	10	Membership....	55
Duluth, No. 6, Passed the Circle.....	2	Membership....	23
Austin, No. 7, Passed the Circle.....	5	Membership....	*17
Total Membership.....			367
Total passed the Circle.....			83
Total died.....			6
Total stricken from roll.....			4
Net gain during the year.....			68

* 12 of these are included in the membership of Minneapolis, No. 2.



Memorial Page.

Yes, the young may die,
The old must die,
And the wisest knoweth not how soon ;
The babe as soon as born,
The youth in early morn,
The aged in the afternoon.

Yes, death must come to all,
In the Springtime, in the Fall,
There are none that can escape the final doom.
He that hews the wood and stone,
He that sits on ivory throne—
Each must pass beneath the shadow and the gloom.

Roll of the Dead.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL, NO. 1.

CAPT. JOHN H. REANEY,

Late Treasurer of St. Paul Council, No. 1, died at St. Paul, July 12th, 1882. He was a very zealous Mason, a good citizen and an upright man.

TYRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

A. J. CLARK,

Died November 12, 1879.

CHARLES R. BRINK,

Died March 2, 1881.

F. B. CLARK,

Died September 15, 1880.

JAMES B. DORMAN,

Died May 30, 1882.

W. W. SWEENEY.

Died August 12, 1882.



LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE
OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1870 TO 1882.

Year.	M. I. G. M.	R. I. D. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	G. P. C. W.	G. Treas.	G. Rec.
1870.....	J. C. Terry.....	Samuel Willey*.....	A. E. Ames*.....	E. C. Cross.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Wm. S. Combs...
1871.....	A. E. Ames*.....	Samuel Willey*.....	E. C. Cross.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1872.....	E. C. Cross.....	J. C. Terry.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1873.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	Charles Shandrew.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1874.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	H. L. Carver.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1875.....	Fred Joss.....	H. L. Carver.....	G. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1876.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard..
1877.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Office abolished.....	Ed. McDermott.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard..
1878.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding ..	Grove B. Cooley..
1879.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding ..	Grove B. Cooley..
1880.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	.....	H. M. Kent.....	Wm. A. Spaulding ..	Wm. Cheney.....
1881.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	C. H. Benton.....	.....	Theodore Burkhard..	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1882.....	Grove B. Cooley.....	Theodore Burkhard..	.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....

*Deceased.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit their report.

We are gratified to be able to report that we have received the proceedings of (or communications from) all the Grand Councils except Vermont. This Grand Council assembled in June, and always print their proceedings. may be they are not yet out. In case we receive them before we print ours, we will include them in this report, so we can say "We got 'em all." The following is our list, to-wit:

Alabama.....	1881	Massachusetts.....	1881
Arkansas.....	1881	Michigan.....	1882
California.....	1882	Missouri.....	1882
Connecticut.....	1882	New Hampshire.....	1882
England and Wales.....	Letter	New Jersey.....	1882
Florida.....	1881	New York.....	1881
Georgia.....	Letter	Nebraska.....	Letter
Illinois.....	1881	North Carolina.....	1882
Indiana.....	1881	Ohio.....	1881
Iowa.....	Letter	Ontario.....	Letter
Kansas.....	Letter	Pennsylvania.....	1882
Kentucky.....	Letter	Rhode Island.....	Circular
Louisiana.....	Letter	Scotland.....	Letter
Maine.....	1881	South Carolina.....	1881 and 1882
Maryland.....	1881	Wisconsin.....	Letter

As Pierson would say, "Custom is law," and we must follow it, so here goes, beginning with—

ALABAMA—1881.

Grand Assembly, December 5th, 1881, in city of Montgomery.

William Dwight Wadsworth, Grand Master, presided.

Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address is just what we expect from Alabama. "It is a beautiful piece of work," and is but a specimen of what that jurisdiction always brings up. In opening he says:

"That we have been blessed in the preservation of our beautiful Rite is known to many, and in our devotions to our Divine Master, let us remember those of our former Companions who are still traveling in the darkness of doubt—contending against the prosperity that we are now enjoying—that they may soon see the light of truth and again mingle with the *Select*, and pursue their regular labors, that they too may be prepared to receive the reward proposed to every Mason who has faithfully wrought his task."

Balance in Treasury \$119.00.

Companion Daniel Sayre submitted the report on Correspondence. It is like all that he does, *good* as far as it goes, but it is brief—covering only ten pages in the proceedings. He does not use any space for preface nor closing, but starts in without saying *grace*—same as the Irishman over his potatoes.

Under the head of Georgia he refers to the fact that in that jurisdiction they have been in the habit of paying mileage to delegates, but in present state of finances they had to give it up.

We are of the few that are opposed to paying mileage or per diem to delegates. As Companion Sayre says, "Wherever it is adopted it operates unjustly." The more Masons we have that can work for love of the Order and not for pay the better it will be for the Order.

Under the head of Indiana in referring to the comments of Companion Austin on the Grand Master of Michigan's Address, he says:

"Companion Austin in remarking upon the proceedings of the Grand Council of Michigan, and noticing the rather grandiloquent address of the Grand Master, professes his willingness to let in King Solomon and Zerubbabel on account of their family record; but rather doubts about Moses, Noah, Tubal Cain and Adam. Well, in the main, we agree with Companion Austin, but we are rather inclined to think that brother Moses could get in by virtue of his voucher of the B. B."

We are inclined to agree with Companion Austin, but if Companion Sayre urges the taking in of brother Moses, we shall insist upon accepting Tubal Cain, for we find that he was the inventor of "worldly possessions," and as some Masons are in pursuit thereof, it won't do to leave him out if we take in Moses; and then if we admit Moses and Tubal Cain, why should we not also recognize Adam and Noah. We are taught that the "Apron is the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason." And then we find that Adam was the first man that put one on; and then we find that Noah was the first man that did not wear one when he ought to have done so. On the whole we will admit them all.

Yes, we'll take them all in from the Garden of Eden,
We hall brother Adam, tho' reckless he fell,
And by eating the fruit which the Lord had forbidden,
He caused his whole race to be sentenced to hell.

And then Tubal Cain, tho' the son of a sinner,
Was the founder of iron, of brass and of gold ;
He invented the metals that buy us our dinner,
We can't very well leave him out in the cold.

Brother Moses in Austin has got a good leader,
On his recommend we'll admit him of course ;
By the B. B. he thinks he should be a succeeder,
Yes, for him brother Austin will vouch and indorse.

And Noah, we ought not, we should not, we could not
Leave out of the circle of friendship and love ;
By his wisdom and faith he bequeaths all we have got,
Which he saved from the deluge, by light from above.

So we'll take them all in, brother Adam from Eden,
Also Tubal Cain from the plains of Shinar,
And Noah from the Ark so abundantly laden,
And Moses victorious in peace and in war.

Under the head of Minnesota he compliments us—but we are too modest to repeat what he says.

Companion William Dwight Wadsworth, of Montgomery, was elected Grand Master; Companion Daniel Sayre was elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1881.

This Grand Council assembled at Little Rock, November 19th, 1881.

Companion Sam. W. Williams, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Councils represented.

No annual address.

Business principally of a routine nature, and in regard to the reorganization. No correspondence report.

Companion Sam. W. Williams, G.:M.:; Companion L. E. Barber, Grand Recorder.

Arkansas, we hall thee ! With gladness we greet thee.
What was given up as lost has returned to the fold ;
Tho' the dark clouds of doubt hovered o'er to defeat thee,
Tho' counted as dross, thou hast come out pure gold.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA—1882.

Grand Council was held in the city of San Francisco, April 13th, 1882.

Seven chartered Councils were represented.

The M. P., Edward Richards Hedges, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports an unbroken circle during the year, the select number full and that peace and harmony and a measurable degree of prosperity reigns throughout the jurisdiction. No retrograde movement during the past year has been made. All the Councils have done more or less work, some of them conferring more degrees than during any previous year, and exhibiting a cheering and hopeful revival of interest. He says that there is nothing to discourage, but every reason to anticipate a bright future for Cryptic Masonry in that State.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of \$331.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, and is condensed to six pages in the proceedings. He courteously reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1881 being among the number. He compliments Grand Master Merrill on his address, and quotes from it. He quotes one verse of our "Summed Up," and then gives us a "dig in the ribs" as follows:

"Yes, California's still alive
And equal to the times,
In spite of Meyer's death reports
And Cooley's fearful rhymes ;
We'll take our juleps, cocktails,
And erstwhiles ' whisky sours,'
But when it comes to Masonry
We want no 'mtx' in ours."

We will answer you, Companion Caswell, by telling a story. A number of years ago Harlow Gale, of Minneapolis, was acting in the capacity of life insurance agent, and of course, as is his nature, was very active in soliciting applicants, and among others called upon a certain lawyer of the same place for his application, which was very readily given. Among other questions, he was asked as to his use of strong drinks. When that question was reached he got up from his chair, walked across the floor, came back and answered, "I take a drink when I want to." He referred to the late Col. George Bradley as a friend upon whom the agent might call. The genial and courteous Colonel was seen and interrogated as to the questions noted to be answered by him in the blank. Upon reaching the one as to drinking he hesitated, and then said: "What does my friend answer as to that?" The agent said, it is that he takes a drink when he wants to. "That is good," said the Colonel; "let his answer be mine."

In closing, Companion Caswell says:

"We have good reason to feel encouraged, for there are unmistakable evidences of renewed zeal and returning prosperity all along the line, and the

indications are that the formation of the General Grand Council has given Cryptic Masonry an impulse which will place it once more in the honorable position among the Masonic Orders to which it is entitled."

Companion John William Rock, of Sacramento, was elected Grand Master. Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, of San Francisco, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1882.

In taking up the proceedings of this Grand Council, the first thing that catches our eye is the likeness of J. H. Barlow, R.: I.: D.: Master of Union Council, No. 27. The portrait indicates that he is a man of large brain and heart; but we can gather nothing more from the proceedings; not a word is said of him. "*Virtute et silentio*" seems to be the word.

The Grand Council assembled in its sixty-fourth annual assembly in the city of Hartford, May 8th, 1882.

M.: P.: Grand Master Chester Tilden presided.

Nineteen Subordinate Councils represented.

Companion Tilden, Grand Master, delivered a very good address, but it was only of local import.

The treasury shows a balance of \$85.29.

Companion William Wallace Lee submitted the report on correspondence. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1881 among the number. His report is brief, but pithy and good. He has the faculty of extracting the meat of the nut and leaving the shuck. We give Companion Lee's conclusion in full, because we like it:

"I think there is no reason to doubt that the General Grand Council is as firmly established as the General Grand Chapter, and with a greater degree of unanimity than when that was organized, and it now remains for us to say whether we will be associated with it or not.

Each succeeding year names of those that have long been prominent in our fraternity are called, and there is no response. Familiar forms are missed, and voices that have been often heard in Masonic gatherings are silent forever. Mention has already been made of Henry Chickering, of Massachusetts; Michigan mourns for the loss of William Brown; New York, John Ombonny; Ohio, George Keifer; Tennessee, George S. Blackie; Vermont, Squire Marcy and Leverett B. Englesby; South Carolina, for Albert Mackey, but not South Carolina alone. No name among intelligent Masons in this country was more familiarly known or more frequently quoted; and it is a saddening instance of Masonic forgetfulness, if not ingratitude, that in the proceedings which I have of the nine Grand Councils that have held their Annuals since his death on the 20th of June last, in only three is his name even mentioned. It is no invidious distinction to say that among all our Masonic leaders he towered above them all. Not that he was always perfect in writing or method. I think, for one, that he wrote too much, and sometimes printed that which had been better left out, and taught in an esoteric manner only. He had great faith in written law, and thought it a sovereign remedy for all the differences and difficulties that now and then appear in Masonry, and succeeded, as well as any one could, in adapting the technicalities and methods of courts and lawyers to the government of a brotherhood of laborers.

But I do not mention these things in disparagement. He fondly loved the institution to which he gave the zeal and fervency of youth, the strength and vigor of stalwart manhood, and the gathered wisdom of maturing age. His hatred of insurrection and rebellion could not cause him to forget his Masonic vows. Loyal to his convictions, his country and his God, even in the turmoil of war the enemy found in him a friend; and there are some of our Connecticut Masons who remember his kindly ministrations to them when the misfortunes of war had changed their life from the camp to the prisoner's cell. Underneath that rough, homely countenance beat a heart as tender as a woman's, and that carried no malice to any human being. No man ever gave to Masonry a more willing service or a loftier devotion. We do well to honor the memory of such Masons.

In some of these proceedings mention is made of President Garfield as a distinguished Mason. I have never yet been able to learn that he took much interest in Masonry, or ever held any office therein except that of Chaplain—a modern office in the institution, and one to which little importance is attached in the practical work of a Masonic body. Most of our public men give but little time to the institution. Various causes operate to produce this result, nor do I know that we can expect it to be otherwise. It has seemed to me that there was a disposition on the part of some Masons to make capital for the institution out of the fact that the President was a Mason, as some politicians have tried to make capital for themselves or their separate cliques from the tragic manner of his death. Masonry is no better or worse for his membership than that of any other good man. Do not misunderstand me, and say that this is the carping of a fault-finder, or the spleen of a disappointed man, because I take exceptions to what has been said and done. I was one of the President's heartiest supporters. If I had any first choice, he was the man. I gave him one honest vote, and a large amount of eloquence (of my kind) in trying to induce my fellowmen to do the same thing, and mourn sincerely his tragic death; but I do not believe in a Masonic body, or in Masonic publications, we should make any reference to political questions, or the strifes of parties or their results. It is safe to say that if the President had not been a Mason, or had he not been President, but little would have been said about his death, even had the same tragedy been enacted.

I saw in the Grand Council of Ohio, in 1877, one of their Past Grand Masters, hoary and grim, and saw him at the head of his Commandery as we rode past the long line. That empty sleeve told of the fierce conflicts of war; but when he died, two years later, the name of General John M. Barrere, the hero of half a hundred fights, was not even mentioned outside his own State; and yet he had given years of loyal and loving service to the Masonic institution. Perhaps it may be said that these remarks are out of place, and better not have been made. It is a delicate subject, I know, and one that requires delicate handling; but I am sure you that have known me so long will give me credit for an honest purpose in all that I say and do in my connection with Masonry. I know well your warm hearts and kindly nature.

Once beneath our friendly arches, men have never gone astray
For the lack of chart or compass, or the knowledge of the way.
Penury cannot dismember; kings are but as peasants when
They step within the circle of this brotherhood of men.

WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, Committee."

The Committee on General Grand Council offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Council:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Council that the interests of Cryptic Masonry would not be promoted by its becoming a member of the General Grand Council under its present constitution."

A very beautiful memorial page was set apart in the proceedings in commemoration of Illustrious Companion Albert G. Mackey.

Companion Dwight Haigh, of Stamford, was elected M.: P.: Grand Master.

Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion William Wallace Lee, of Meriden, is still Committee on Correspondence.

ENGLAND AND WALES—LETTER.

We have tidings from this Grand Council by way of a communication from the Illustrious Grand Recorder, D. M. Dewar, 8, Red Lion Square, London, W. C.

He reports that the Cryptic degrees are highly appreciated there.

The Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, in London, is very prosperous and successful, numbering upward of 120 members, all of first class position in Masonry and society, and the work is performed in the most correct and efficient manner, to the satisfaction and pleasure of all the members.

In the country the progress has been but slow. There are ten Councils in work, but Companion Dewar has no doubt of the future prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in England and Wales.

They have representatives in eleven Grand Councils in the United States of America, all of which are represented near that Grand Council.

No proceedings have as yet been printed.

The Rev. G. R. Portal, is M.: P.: Grand Master.

Companion D. M. Dewar, 8, Red Lion Square, London, W. C., is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1881.

Companion Carlovitz was rather slow in getting out the proceedings of this jurisdiction for 1881. The Grand Council assembled June 3d, 1881, at the city of Pensacola, but we did not receive a copy of the proceedings until April 17th, 1882. Is not that a long time to wait, Companion Carlovitz?

Grand Master George S. Hallmark, presided. It was the Twelfth Annual Assembly. All the subordinate councils were represented.

Grand Master Hallmark delivered a very excellent and scholarly address. But it was no better than we were looking for from him, for, in the language of another, "If any body can he can."

The Grand Council ordered a reprint of the proceedings from its organization, 1858, to and including the year 1876.

Companion Carlovitz did not submit a report on correspondence on account of the depleted treasury, and the draft on account of the action of the Grand Council to reprint former proceedings.

Companion George S. Hallmark, was re-elected M.: I.: Grand Master, and Companion John Carlovitz, was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GEORGIA—LETTER.

Companion Andrew M. Wolihin, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Georgia, writes us in response to our inquiry.

Grand Council assembled on the 26th day of April, 1882.

Companion Charles R. Armstrong, M. I. Grand Master, presided.

He delivered a good address—so they say—promised to reduce it to writing, did not do it, (presume he forgot it,) so the Grand Recorder sent the proceedings to the printer without it. The business was simply routine. The proceedings of 1881 and 1882, are now in the hands of the printer, and will soon be out and distributed.

It would seem from Companion Wolihin's letter that Georgia's *Arm-strong*, became paralyzed so that amputation was necessary.

At the Annual Assembly in 1881, the constitution of the General Grand Council was adopted, and Georgia became a member thereof.

The Cryptic Rite enters a new career, and is now improving rapidly.

That is right, glad to hear it—drive away—but do print your proceedings oftener.

Companion C. F. Lewis, of Augusta, is now Grand Master. Companion Andrew M. Wolihin, of Albany, is Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1881.

Our light from this jurisdiction is through the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and then, by way of the report, the Grand Principal Sojourner, who is also M. P. G. M. of the Grand Council. His report is interesting as showing the condition of the S. V. in Illinois. We clip the following:

"In some of the Chapters the officers complained of the extra labor to be performed by the incorporation of the Council Degrees, with those of the Chapter, and confess that after perfecting themselves in the 'Capitular Ritual,' they have no desire to go through the additional work of learning the Cryptic, and to avoid this extra labor, resort to the courteous assistance of visiting Companions. In the course of time this may be remedied by the ambition and zeal of the Companions in the very laudable and meritorious endeavor to excel. Still I am in doubt and admit that I think the additional work will be the total destruction of the Cryptic, if not both, for the number of the degrees will inspire a feeling of dread to such an extent that the offices of the Chapter will go begging for Companions to fill them, and none will be found.

Most Excellent Companion, Samuel Waddle, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, wrote me partly on this subject, and with your permission, I will give you the contents of his letter, and my answer in full, to his several interrogations.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Oct. 1, 1881.

John O'Neill, Esq., Chicago, Ill.,

While in Chicago last week I spoke to you in relation to the duty of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in relation to the Cryptic Degrees, and to remind you of my remark that I would like to have your views on the subject at length, I write this, and I fraternally ask that you will

give the matter such careful consideration as its importance demands, and write me your conclusions at as early a date as you can as to the following points:

1st. Has the arrangement in 1877, between the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, by which the degrees of Royal and Select Master were transferred from the former to the latter, worked satisfactorily as far as your observation goes, and are those degrees being conferred by the Chapters according to the spirit of arrangement made between the two Grand Bodies?

2d. Assuming a negative reply to the first question, is it in your judgment practicable to confer these degrees in the average Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, by the officers of the Chapters in the manner they should be conferred?

3d. Assuming negative reply to second question—Are the several Subordinate Councils of the State any better prepared to assume control of these degrees than the Chapters?

4th. Assuming negative reply to third question—Can the Council Degrees be saved from oblivion, rescued as it were from death?

5th. If so, how are you going to do it?

Faternally,

SAMUEL W. WADDLE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19, 1881.

Samuel W. Waddle, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMP:—Yours of the 11th inst. is received, and in a hasty, undigested manner reply to your interrogations, notwithstanding the fact that I have frequently contemplated this conjoint action of our Grand Bodies, merging or conjoining the Cryptic with the Capitular Degrees.

1st. interrogatory:

My answer is no. The two Grand Bodies have now been four years engaged in laboring in this conjoint field, and each succeeding year has but the more fully demonstrated the arrangement as an unwise proceeding, tending toward a final abandonment of those most beautiful and intellectual degrees. Their exemplification has steadily decreased throughout this jurisdiction. When the work was first given in charge of the Chapters, some zealously engaged in perfecting themselves, and accomplished, with commendable success, a reasonable proficiency, while some Chapters were indifferent, perhaps so, because the officers exhibited no desire to learn or teach the work, no doubt on account of the additional burden placed upon them; and if a desire was manifested by the Companions to become possessed of the degrees, they were obtained frequently through the courtesy of visiting Companions, who were educated in the work. So far as I now possess information, this is or may be considered the present status throughout this jurisdiction. Now while these degrees were donated to all R. A. M. free of charge, very many have failed to avail themselves of the opportunity—an undisputed evidence of an indifference, so discouraging to the Chapter officers, that they too are allowing the work to fall into inglorious oblivion.

2d interrogatory:

If you refer to the ability of the officers of the Chapters to confer the degrees, I would unhesitatingly answer yes. He who possesses the qualifications fitting him to confer the Chapter degrees properly, by that act establishes the fact conclusively that he can equally well exemplify, teach and work other degrees.

But if you refer to the *legality* of the act of conferring these degrees in a Chapter in accordance with the concurrent action between the Grand Council and the Grand Chapter in 1877, I answer no.

3d interrogatory:

I think they are. The Subordinate Councils in this State still retain their Charters, and very many their working paraphernalia, and immediately upon the order of the Most Puissant Grand Master can resume their labors.

4th interrogatory:

Yes, without a doubt.

5th interrogatory:

Through the orders of the Most Puissant Grand Master for the Cryptic Craft to resume their *labors* in the *Secret Vault*—which can and should be done speedily, and thus preserve a sacred work to the Craft, and also relieve Capitular Masonry of an incubus which has become burdensome.

Section 9 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter reads as follows:

'The only degrees recognized by the G. G. Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction are M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. M., etc., etc.'

This is plain, simple and positive. There is neither chance of misconception, misconstruction or evasion, unless at the expense of a violated law. It plainly, specifically names the degrees to be worked, and they are the only ones, except at the expense of our obligations. Is the manner by which the G. Chapter of this jurisdiction obtained possession of these degrees satisfactory to the Cryptic Craft? Were their views consulted, or did the officers, acting without semblance of authority, appoint a committee to act in conjunction with an 'equally legal, similarly appointed committee from the Grand Council, which, on their meeting, made a 'satisfactory' (to themselves) arrangement, regardless of *law or right*?

If this proceeding was right, and in accordance with law, why not carry the same rule of action further and merge the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and in a similar manner cede rights, wave obligations and abandon landmarks, which, by this precedent, they have an equal right to do. The whole Masonic world would scout the arrangement, deride the actors and despise the constituency, and by force of indignation, if not by force of arms, if necessary, compel them to correct the error. The manifest injustice of this proceeding to Cryptic Masonry has cried aloud for redress, without avail. How long will it be permitted to continue? Are not all the R. and S. Masters of this jurisdiction that have been made under this concurrent 'law,' conjoint action! Brilliant give-away scheme! To place the most favorable construction thereon, are they not 'irregular'? When we carefully reflect upon 'ancient landmarks,' where is the accountability? Has the Grand Council a record of proceedings anywhere of how many R. and S. Masters have been made in the various Chapters in this jurisdiction? Do Secretaries of Chapters make any returns of meetings, actions and makings? Are they all (the Secretaries,) R. and S. Masters, and legally qualified to make such returns? Is there any law in Chapters to compel him, or indeed any officer in the Chapter to even take the degrees? The Subordinate Councils hold allegiance to the Grand Council, and believe that the G. G. Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of R. and S. Master, and that it is proper in the present status for the G. G. Chapter to take some action to legalize, and possibly engraft them onto the present restricted number of degrees, as named above, and thus preserve the work to the Craft, which the Grand Council has so sacrilegiously abandoned.

My dear Companion, I believe that a member in good standing in a Chapter who has attained to the degree of the H. R. A., when the Chapter is called on to a Council of R. and S. Masters, may retain his seat in the Chapter, and refuse to receive the degrees or go out, and he cannot be punished for disobedience, for I have failed to see a petition in this jurisdiction that a party is requested to sign that states upon its face he is to receive any more degrees than is specified in Section 9 of the Constitution of the G. G. Chapter, and Section 9 of the Constitution further states that 'no R. A. M., who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by his not being in position of any other so called degrees.'

Let us then return to our pastures and live as long as the grass holds out, and if we are compelled, from hunger and want, to die, let us enjoy the effluvia of our own carcass, and not that of some foreign one.

Hoping that I have fully and to your satisfaction answered your several interrogatories, I remain, dear Companion,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN O'NEILL, M.: P.: G.: M.:

In the 1st. District there are thirty Chapters; of this number but ten have sent in a report as fellows, to-wit: Nos. 2, 14, 22, 41, 96, 126, 127, 142, 148, and 180. The financial statement of these ten Chapters show an increase over their last year's report of over twenty-five hundred dollars.

The following interrogations were submitted, which may be answered by any Companion who may read them, and believe in the conjoint union of Chapter and Council as now arranged under the resolution of 1877.

1st. Are the Chapters and Councils, under the agreement of 1877, one or separate bodies.

2d. Is a ballot necessary for the degrees of R. and S. Master?

3d. Can you elect Companions to office in the Chapter who have not received the Council Degrees?

4th. If Companions are elected to office in the Chapter who have not received the Council degrees, can they be compelled to take the Council Degrees?

5th. If the officers of the Chapter are not R. and S. Masters, and will not take these degrees, who will open and work the Council Degrees?

6th. Can a Companion receive the Council Degrees in a Chapter of which he is not a member?

7th. Have the representatives of the Grand Chapter, at their Annual Meeting, or at any time, opened a Grand Council for the consideration of reports from the Subordinate Councils of the State?

8th. Do the Secretaries of the Chapters, acting as Secretaries of the Councils, keep the minutes of the Council work in the books of the Chapter, or do they keep separate books?

9th. Can a Royal and Select Master object to a Companion of his Chapter receiving the Council Degrees?

10th. Will a Companion who receives the Council Degrees, as now conferred in Illinois, be permitted to visit a Council of Royal and Select Masters, working under regular Grand Councils of R. and S. Masters?

The representatives of Cryptic Masonry of the several States have repeatedly knocked at the door of the Grand Encampment of the T. S. of A., asking and praying that the Council Degrees be made prerequisite to Knighthood—without avail.

Why did they not do the same with the G. G. Chapter, and wait patiently for an agreement with that Grand Body to comply with their desire, and then enter into an amicable arrangement to discard certain degrees mentioned in Section 9 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which would lessen the work as now arranged in this jurisdiction, and at the same time leave a harmonious feeling existing through the several Grand Jurisdictions of the U. S. If these beautiful and interesting degrees of Cryptic Masonry are worth preserving at all, it is as working degrees, that will give a Select Master recognition whenever he may desire to visit, if they will not, then they should fall into oblivion."

A committee of five was appointed to confer with a like committee of the Grand Council as to the best disposition to be made of the Council Degrees, to report at next annual convocation; so we shall soon see what we shall see.

Companion John O'Neill, of Chicago, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Companion Gilbert W. Barnard, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1881.

The twenty-sixth annual assembly of this Grand Council was held at Indianapolis, October 18th, 1881. Companion Edward L. Ross, M. Ill. Grand Master, presided.

Representatives of thirty-two out of thirty-nine Subordinate Councils were present.

The Grand Master submitted a good address, but mostly of interest to his jurisdiction. He gave a good account of his stewardship. The charters of six Councils were arrested during the year, being in arrears for dues for more than three years.

The Grand Treasury showed a balance in same of \$725.28.

That prince of Reporters, Companion Wm. W. Austin, submitted another of his very excellent reports on correspondence, in which he courteously reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1880.

Under the head of "Georgia," he gives Grand Recorder Wolihin a dig under the ribs for appending "32°" after his name. He says:

"The proceedings are attested by Companion 'A. M. Wolihin, 32nd Grand Recorder.' This must be an old Grand Council, to have so many Grand Recorders."

Of Illinois he says:

"So far as heard from, there is no report of the status of this Grand Sister. Perhaps she says, with Martha:

'May it not be sin, while we darkly muse
Upon our life's mysterious destinies.
That we in blindness walk, like Iolanthe,
Unconscious that true vision is not ours?'

Again, under the head of Kansas, he "goes for" the Grand Master "thusly:"

"The Grand Master pleads that his 'business affairs' prevented him from reporting 'whether the work in our secret vault is being carried on with that zeal which should characterize us as Royal and Select Masters, or whether the workmen are sitting idle, and with folded hands are permitting the Sword and Trowel to rust with desuetude.'"

If such a lenitive self-application is good for a Most Illustrious Grand Master, why may not a Thrice Illustrious Master also use it? Ahizar's part is the easiest to learn, and many prefer that appointment."

We cannot add anything to the above except to endorse it, for Companion Austin has "picked out all the best words."

Under the head of Louisiana, in speaking of Grand Master Pinckard, he says:

"He was elected Grand Master and he *acted* Grand Master. St. Luke never had Companion Pinckard in view when he wrote part of his 14th chapter."

Companion Austin quotes our report of 1880 in regard to the Grand Council of England and Wales, and says it is all the information he has been able to obtain.

Under the head of New York, in reviewing the correspondence report of that noble Crypt, Companion Charles G. Hudson, he says:

"In the hours of night, when prying eyes were closed in sleep, this vigilant pen-painter roamed through the Cryptic world, and gives us the result of what he found in arches brightly beaming, filled with faithful workmen, who received him with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other."

Thou art waxing truly eloquent, my brother, but the subject is worthy of it.

Of the union of the Cryptic degrees with those of Royal Ark Mariners and the Order of Constantine in Ontario, he is rather inclined to be facetious in saying:

"We do not understand how visiting Companions from the United States can visit the Council in Canada when not in possession of all these annexes. What would Mississippi do with all these triplets in her 'Bosom?'"

Companion Austin did not give his usual closing speech, but we have enjoyed his report very much.

The proceedings of the Detroit Convention in the formation of a General Grand Council are given in full in the proceedings.

Companion Perry W. Gard, of Frankfort, was elected M. I. L. Grand Master. Companion John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Austin may again bring up his annual offering so acceptable to all his *confreres*.

IOWA—LETTER.

Companion Wm. B. Langridge, of Iowa, writes us under date of June 28th, 1882, giving information as to the condition of Council Masonry in Iowa. He says that he thinks it is about as active as it was under the Council system. Work is done in the Chapter about as frequently as it used to be done in the Council, and altogether he says that he can see but little difference, and that Iowa is quite as well off as the States still retaining Grand Council organizations.

He says:

"By reference to our Grand Chapter proceedings for 1879, 1880 and 1881 you will see the list of Companions on whom the degrees have been conferred as returned by the Chapters; and while the number is not so great in 1881 as in 1879, still there are fully as many as under the Council system. When we had Councils there were only two or three, I think, that met regularly or showed signs of life; everything dragged so, and the whole grade was so lifeless, we got discouraged and overwheated with it, and put it into the Chapter as a good way of solving a very unsatisfactory state of things.

Truth is we have *too much Masonry*. Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and thirty-two degrees of the A. A. Rite—and I don't know how many Memphis degrees—are too much for any moderately sized place, where some one or two dozen men have got to carry the whole burden. Result is that they get tired after a while, want some time to themselves of evenings and some recreation; and so the whole mass goes by the board except Blue Lodge, and it only survives because the new men coming in infuse new life, which grows stagnant before they get through the list. It is like sitting down to a table in a first-class hotel and being *obliged* to eat all on the bill of fare; a man may do it, but it will kill him.

As far as I can see, the Council in Iowa is doing just as much as it ever did, and just as much as it does under Grand and General Grand Councils; that is, confers its degrees on the people who want them and see fit to receive them, and we get rid of the machinery of Grand and Subordinate Councils, and the only people that suffer from it are the regalia makers.

By the way, I am in search of light. Will putting an additional wheel to a locomotive *make power*? If not, how does adding a G. G. C. to the Cryptic locomotive make it more of a 'success'? Not being 'loyal' to the G. G. bodies, I often find myself wondering on this subject. Can you help me?"

"As a man thinketh, so is he." Now the fact is Companion Langridge, like myself, is getting old in the Masonic labor. His experience has been great. "He has worn the honors thick upon him," and knows how it is himself; and though we do not agree with him in *all* his philosophy, we must concede that there is much truth in what he says.

The Council degrees in Iowa are still resting in the bosom of the Chapter.

KANSAS—LETTER.

We hear from this jurisdiction by way of a letter from the Grand Recorder. The annual Grand Assembly was held February 14th, 1882. The business was purely of a local character and importance. Companion Andrew M. Callahan, of Topeka, was elected Grand Master. Companion John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, was re-elected Grand Recorder. No proceedings will be published until 1884.

KENTUCKY—LETTER.

Companion James W. Staton writes us in regard to Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky.

The Council degrees are still under the jurisdiction of the Chapter. At the last Grand Chapter Convocation, there was a majority and minority report in regard to the same. The majority report favored the re-organization of the Council and Grand Council—that is, the surrender of the *trust* back to the Grand Council. The minority report favored letting it go as it now is. The whole matter was laid over until the next Grand Convocation.

Companion Staton says, that he is quite sure of one thing, that should the Grand Council re-organize, it will not apply for admission into the G. G. Council. That the G. G. Chapter is not looked on with much favor in Kentucky, and the General Grand Council with less.

Mature deliberation, reflection, and cool consideration, will settle the whole matter in Kentucky—and in due time all will be well—notwithstanding Companion Staton's prophecy, we have faith to the contrary.

Methinks I hear the whispers of the spirits of the dead,
The pioneers of Old Kentuck, who first her soil did tread,
Of Daniel Boone and others, of that brave, determined few,
Whose hearts of oak, and giant minds, frank, generous and true.

I see the form of Barker at his labor and his toil,
To germinate the Cryptic Rite on Old Kentucky soil ;
'Tis over half a century since first the work began,
Which ended in the merging on the " Mississippi plan."

I see old Isaac Tyler, in the Grand Puissant chair ;
I see old Phillip Swigert with his records true and fair ;
I see those old Companions all that met at Lexington,
And formed the first Grand Council, and whose hearts all beat as one.

The darkest hour it has been said, is just before the day ;
It will be true of Old Kentuck, we venture here to say,
Some brave Elisha will put on the mantle worn of yore,
By those old men who early found the half unopened door.

LOUISIANA—1882—LETTER.

We learn by way of a letter from Companion Richard Lambert under date of June 29th, 1882, that the Grand Council of Louisiana was held in the city of New Orleans, February 16th, 1882, George J. Pinckard, M. Ill. G. M., presiding. Only five councils represented, no business of any importance transacted. The Councils outside of New Orleans are not doing much, their finances are bad. Companion Pinckard declined a re-election, and Companion Alfred Shaw was elected M. Ill. G. M. Companion Richard Lambert was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder, and Companion George J. Pinckard is chairman of committee on correspondence. Proceedings not to be printed this year—*no money*.

MAINE—1881.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Assembly was held at Portland, May 4th, 1881.

John S. Derby, M. I. Grand Master, presided.

Twelve Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered his annual address, which contains some good things but principally of local import.

His closing remarks are indeed good, very good. We must quote it: "Ceaseless change is the law of all progeess. That every organism must adapt itself to its surroundings is as true of social and religious systems as it is of those forms of lower life, that, failing in their adaptation, have turned to stone, while the ages have swept by and left them."

Around the Medieval church, as it was building, clustered the little lodges that contained the germs of our brotherhood, and step by step that brotherhood, from its numble beginning, has accompanied humanity in its progress; but humanity is still moving on, and our fraternity, if it would not lose its prestige as a factor in its development, must move onward with it; must be prepared, should the Tempter come, even as he came to India's Savior, in the garb of lowly Faith, pleading for the gods and the altars of the past, to say with the Buddha.

"What thou bid'st me keep
Is form which passes, but the free Truth stands ;
Get thee to thy darkness."

The veteran, Ira Berry, for the twenty-fifth time as Grand Recorder, in his report says:

"This twenty-five years embraces nearly the entire existence of the Grand Council, for though I was not chosen Recorder at the organization I was the next year, and in fact, recorded the proceedings had at the organization."

He, indeed, has been a devoted "Giblemite," working even much longer than the usual hours.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of

It was voted that a tax of ten cents per member be assessed upon each Council in the jurisdiction.

Companion Joseph H. Drummond submitted the report on correspondence. He starts out by saying that in consideration of the financial condition of the Grand Council, we propose to be brief.

He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, Minnesota included.

He speaks kindly of us, and regrets he cannot notice our report on correspondence.

The Grand Council accepted and ratified the constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States.

Arlington B. Marston, of Bangor, M.:I.:G.:M.

Ira Berry for the twenty-sixth time was elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1881.

The first thing that meets our eye is a fine photo of Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, and we are of the opinion that it looks very much like him. This was the eighth Annual Assembly. Grand Master George W. Sheive was present, and presided. Five Councils were represented. The Grand Master reports the "number complete." No deaths during the year. He reports no questions submitted for judicial decision, and peace and harmony. While rapid strides have been made, there has been no retrograde as to the status of work in the Crypt. He says:

"While Cryptic Masonry in the State the past year has not made rapid strides forward, we certainly have not retrograded. We have worked harmoniously in the S.:V.:., and while the success attained may not have been as great as we had wished, yet I feel assured, now that the question of the life of our Cryptic Rite is settled, and I hope finally we may feel encouraged to look for renewed life and activity among the companions of our several Councils."

The report on correspondence is by Companion George L. McCahan, the Grand Recorder. He produces a very excellent report in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils in which Minnesota for 1880 is noticed. He compliments us by *appropriating*, (as he says) under its proper heading, our tidings from England and Wales, for that year. We thank you, Companion McCahan, for the compliment.

• We quote his conclusion in full, it is good—and meets our views exactly:

"We close our review with a feeling of satisfaction that the present condition of the Cryptic Rite is more than satisfactory and much surpasses the expectation of the most sanguine; whilst there is no solid basis for enthusiasm, there is, except in a very few jurisdictions, a feeling of courage and hopefulness which has displaced the former doubt, vacillation and despondency which existed more or less in every state jurisdiction. The prompt and general ratification of the work of the Detroit Convention having established the G.: G.: Council, order is thereby brought out of chaos, and the watchword "all is well" is reverberated throughout the land. As to the future, much, if not all, depends on the legislation of the G.: G.: Council in 1883. If broad and liberal—and we have no reason to think it will not be so—the permanent existence and influence of the Rite will be assured. The prodigals must be welcomed; the term clandestine as applied to the past must be made void and inapplicable. In fact the work so happily begun must be completed, and no wiser course need be suggested than is recorded in the early history of the Grand Lodge of England.

As to those Grand Chapter reporters who have wasted so much of their time and talent in the discussion of the Cryptic Rite, and so much of the means of their Grand Bodies in publishing their effusions, it is to be hoped they will find a new field in which to exercise their benevolence or—dry up."

Companion Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

Companion George L. McCahan, Grand Recorder, both of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1881.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in Boston on the 14th day of December, 1881, and was presided over by Grand Master Albert J. Richardson. Sixteen Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Annual Address contains nothing of very great interest outside his jurisdiction, except that the Grand Council of Massachusetts is in that very happy condition of peace and prosperity. He speaks very feelingly and fittingly of the death of Past Deputy Grand Master, Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield, who departed this life March 5th, 1881, nearly sixty-two years of age. To his memory a memorial page was ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$587.14.

Companion J. W. Dadmun presented a brief report on correspondence, but although it was short it was "*multum in parvo*."

He received eighteen reports of Sister Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1881.

We must scissor the most of it.

In opening he says:

"Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully reports, that the battle has been fought and the victory won—Cryptic Masonry holds the fort. Eighteen out of twenty-four Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council and others are wheeling into line.

We shall not attempt an extended or detailed report this year, as we think it best to let the leaven of truth gently and effectually work until it shall permeate the whole lump.

It is strange how reason can be warped to favor present schemes or preconceived opinions. For example: The General Grand Chapter decides that it has no jurisdiction over Cryptic Masonry; a constituent Grand Chapter concludes at

once that *therefore* it has jurisdiction over those degrees, and may proceed to confer them *ad libitum*, the Grand Council of the State having consented thereto.

Another Grand Chapter decides that, in as much as the Parent Body disclaims any control over the degrees, and has refused to authorize its constituents to confer them, it has no right to accept the proffered boon, and it notifies the Grand Council of the jurisdiction accordingly. It does not take an unprejudiced mind long to decide which of these two Grand Chapters has good common sense on its side, or which has good Masonic law and usage for its support.

But how can State Grand Councils surrender the degrees to *any* other body without violating their most sacred obligations? We have never seen an intelligent reason given for such a breach of faith. By common consent these degrees were arranged into a distinct grade, and *only* by common consent can they be rightfully surrendered to any other grade. But, above all, to see them conferred *without fee or ballot* in direct contravention of the fundamental rules of all the orders is execrable. What respect can such Council Masons have for their Companions of other jurisdictions who have, and still are, devoting so much time and money to the support of the Cryptic Rite.

We do not wish to use any harsh language, but we will say this: Our respect for the Order is greatly strengthened by the fact that a large majority of Grand Councils are true and faithful to their Masonic vows. Our purpose is fixed, never to enter a Council appendant to a Chapter, especially when the degrees are conferred without fee or ballot—that is too *cheap Masonry* for us."

All we have to say is, "Them's our sentiments, too."

Companion John Haigh, of Somerville, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, was elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1882.

The twenty-fourth annual assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Flint, January 16th, 1882.

Grand Master Rufus C. Hathaway presided.

Thirty-nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a labored document, and shows that the office of Grand Master in Michigan is no sinecure. It shows very much thoughtful and active effort. He reports the "Circle of Perfection" unbroken in that state during the year.

Under the head of "Jurisprudence" he reports the following questions and answers received and disposed of by him during the year :

"Q. Can we receive and entertain a petition for the degrees from a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason?

A. No.

Q. Can a petition for the degrees be received and acted upon at a special assembly?

A. No, except by dispensation.

Q. Has a Council the right to return the fee to a candidate who has petitioned for and been elected to take the degrees, but now refuses to present himself for that purpose?

A. Yes, if no objection, and candidate requests it to be returned to him. We do not make these beautiful degrees compulsory, and if one was forced to take them to get something for his money, he no doubt would be an unpleasant member.

Q. Can a petition for the degrees be received at a regular Assembly and referred, and two weeks afterward, at a called meeting, acted upon?

A. No, except by dispensation.

Q. A dimitted Royal and Select Master, and a non-affiliated M. M. and R. A. M., is desirous of petitioning us for membership; can we receive his petition and act on same?

A. No.

Q. Our by-laws require the dues of all members to be paid at the *Annual Assembly*; can the Thrice Illustrious Master, at the next regular assembly, order the Recorder to enter 'suspended' against those who are in arrears?

A. Yes, if over a year in arrears and your by-laws so authorize him, and the member has been duly notified by the Recorder and he continue to refuse to pay. But in 'over a year' do not be too arbitrary, and call thirty days *over*. Be lenient; be charitable; give six months or more.

Q. A Companion not present was elected to an office, and at a subsequent Assembly for installation he was found to be suspended for non-payment of dues; can he, through paying the amount against him and being restored to membership, be now installed?

A. No; he was not legally elected, not being eligible at the time.

Q. A Companion wishes to be restored from suspension caused by non-payment of dues; must he also pay, in addition, what would have accrued had he not been suspended?

A. Be governed by your by-laws. I hold dues not to accrue during suspension, but that a Council may require as a condition of restoration (a penalty, as it were, for violating the law,) that the Companion so petitioning shall also pay an amount equal to what the dues would have amounted to at time of restoration.

Q. 1. Can a Companion who has received the degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be admitted into a Council of R. and S. Masters? 2. If not, how can he be?

A. 1. He can not. 2. He only can by becoming a member of a Council that has its authority from a proper Grand Council that is not tainted by the "Mississippi plan," or *mergement* with any Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He must petition in regular form and set forth the facts; and, if elected, he must be formally healed, and then he becomes a member of the Council.

Q. 1. Is it necessary to take a vote on an application for a dimit? 2. If objections are raised, how shall I proceed?

A. Certainly; if not, the T. I. M. might dimit all his members. 2. Notify the objector to file his charges; if no charges are filed and he is not in arrears for dues, state the request to your members present, and a majority vote grants the dimit.

Q. Has a Council the right to remit the dues of every Companion when they can and are able to pay, so if anything serious should occur they may stand right on the books?

A. No; a Council cannot rightfully remit dues of those able to pay, as such action would be an injury to the Grand Council as well as to your own Council. Get them to pay their dues, and thus avoid anything serious happening."

He favors the Grand Council of Michigan becoming a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and thinks it would not look well not to do so.

The committee on General Grand Council, offered the following resolution which was laid over until the next Grand Assembly:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan hereby ratifies and accepts the constitution of the General

Grand Council, and the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to notify the General Grand Recorder of our action in the premises."

The Grand Council voted the Grand Recorder the sum of \$125 for his services.

The committee on jurisprudence recommended the election of a Grand Lecturer, which recommendation was laid on the table.

Balance in Treasury \$229.85.

They have got the Past Grand Master Jewel mania in Michigan. At the Assembly in 1881, the Grand Council voted one to Past Grand Master David Woodward, then at this Grand Assembly they vote one to Past Grand Master R. C. Hathaway. It is a good thing to appreciate worth, but go slow, don't use partiality—one *good man* is as good as another *good man* if they are equally good.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by our old *unseen* friend Garra B. Noble Grand Recorder. He reports the receipt of seventeen Grand Council proceedings, ours for 1881 included. He compliments us by quoting our "summed up" in full. His report is a good one, but there is not enough of it.

He copies our report in regard to the Grand Council of England and Wales, and credits it to Geo. W. Cooley.—All right, Garra, we'll get even with you.

Companion William G. Hudson, of Ludington, M. I. G. M.

Garra B. Noble, Detroit, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1882.

Grand Council assembled at the City of St. Louis May 5th, 1882. M. I. G. M. Ill. Grand Master John R. Parson, presided.

Six Subordinates represented.

The Grand Master's Address is of only local importance.

He recommended as follows, which the Grand Council "sat down on:"

"A number of Royal Arch Masons in one of our towns are very desirous of organizing a Council, but there is only one member of the Order anywhere near them. As this is likely to occur in other places I would recommend that the Grand Master be invested with authority to confer the degrees on a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to organize a Council where no Council exists."

The committee in their report say:

"It is not a prerogative of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to make Select Masters 'at sight,' and we are opposed to having such power given him by the Grand Council, as establishing a dangerous precedent, contrary to the ancient usages."

If not, why not—we venture to say it is not contrary to the ancient usages, but in conformity thereto.

Balance in treasury, \$254.19.

Companion Wm. H. Mayo, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a brief report reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1881. His report is concise, pointed

and interesting. He gives our "summed up" in full, and dubs it "very unique." Thank you for the compliment Companion Mayo.

Companion Wm. B. Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, was elected M.: Ill. Grand Master, and Companion William H. Mayo, of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Total membership, 304.

Passed the circle during the year, 26.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1882.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly was held at the city of Concord on the 15th day of May, 1882.

M.: Ill.: Grand Master Edward H. Currier, presided.

Seven Chartered Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address shows that he was wide awake and active during the year. He personally visited all the Councils in that State but two.

He reports another Masonic veteran as having gone to his reward. He says:

"Our venerable Grand Chaplain, Reverend James Adams, is no more. His chair is vacant, his voice is hushed in the solemn silence of death."

He died on the 10th day of December, 1881, aged seventy-three years.

A memorial page is set apart in the proceedings to his memory.

In referring to the report on correspondence he says:

"For the first time in the history of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, we have a report on correspondence with our sister States, * * * * * We can now lift up our heads among those Councils who have so many times said in review of our diminutive proceedings, 'Only this and nothing more.'"

We congratulate the Grand Council of New Hampshire on her success. It shows what live, wide-awake, determined officers can do.

In closing, among other good things, he says:

"I believe that Councils greatly err in not requiring the better judgment of the members to scrutinize carefully those whom they propose to advance and reward, instead of electing to positions of honor and trust officers who not only never knew the work but never intended learning the same. A curious estimate some officers place upon the binding effect of their solemn obligations. They should feel that their duties do not begin and end when they have been installed into office, and obtained the Masonic rank which they have desired."

That suits us—we endorse it in full.

The present membership is reported to be 798.

Balance in the treasury \$198.89.

Companion George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder, presented a very good report on correspondence, the first that has been produced since the organization of the Grand Council. He courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, our own for 1881 included. He quotes from Grand Master Merrill's address, and also from our report.

Companion Cleaves has great faith in the future prospect of Cryptic Masonry. We endorse all he says. We see that the Grand Council appropriated the sum of \$15 for his services. His report covers twenty pages in the proceedings. Not as much as a notary public would get by one-fourth; but it is a great improvement on the old plan—none at all. Don't be discouraged, Companion Cleaves; you are ahead of us; this is the seventh report we have had the great honor and exquisite pleasure of writing, and we never got a cent, and we never expect to. But then—but then, everything will be evened up bye and bye—"In the sweet bye and bye."

Companion Rensselaer O. Wright, of Plymouth, was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Companion George P. Cleaves, of Concord, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Cleaves is chairman of the Correspondence Committee. We hope next year he will get at least fifteen cents a folio for his production, or else, in our opinion, the old maxim that "The laborer is worthy of his hire" is played out. Good bye, New Hampshire; we hope to see you again next year.

NEW JERSEY—1882.

The twenty-fourth annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Trenton, January 17th, 1882.

M. I. Grand Master Charles Belcher, Jr., presided.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was purely of a local character, exhibiting, however his deep and sincere feeling in regard to the prosperity of the Cryptic work.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of \$28.05.

The Special Committee appointed at the last annual Assembly, to consider the subject of ratifying the action of the Detroit Convention, made a report adversely thereto, recommending a postponement of action until the Assembly of 1883, which was adopted by the Grand Council—sorry, sorry, sorry.

The Grand Recorder presented a brief report on correspondence reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, Minnesota, for 1880 and 1881, among the number.

In referring to our report on correspondence for 1880 in which we said that we expected a report from New Jersey next year, he says:

"It has not been the fault of the committee that New Jersey proceedings, for some years, have not contained a report on correspondence. Want of means to pay the printer has operated against the committee. The present report is made very meager, and unsatisfactory to the committee, for the same reason. We hope to do better in the future."

We deeply sympathize with you Companion Bechtel and shall be glad to see your most sanguine hopes become a reality.

When we first enlisted in the labor of the S. V., in 1876, we found the tide low and the Grand Treasury empty, in fact a debt owing the printer. We, how-

ever, wrote a report on correspondence, the first that had been written, and somewhat to our surprise it was ordered printed in the proceedings. We have continued to write one every year since, and some rather lengthy ones, and all have been cheerfully ordered printed—and every year the Treasury has increased, until now the Grand Council is out of debt and money in the Treasury. We pay no mileage or per diem, no salaries to any Grand officer except the Grand Sentinel. I never received a cent for all my labors, on correspondence, as Grand Secretary, or for the performance of any duty. We are willing to “work our regular hours” for the love we bear to the labor of the S. V.

When we can print our proceedings and with it a report on correspondence, every year, and that too and be out of debt, then, and then only will we favor paying anything to Grand officers except for cash paid out. That is the way we feel. If anything we have said we ought not to have said, then you may consider it unsaid.

John M. Knapp, of Hackensack, was elected M.:I.:Grand Master.

Charles Bechtel, of Trenton, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1881.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of New York, September 20th, 1881.

M.:I.: Grand Master Charles W. Brown, presided.

Twenty-six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address covers thirteen pages in the proceedings.

After warmly greeting the companions in a few well chosen words, he pays a fitting tribute to the late President Garfield, who died the night before the assembly of the Grand Council; Companion John Ombony, who died January 31st, 1881; Companion Gilbert B. Wood, who died August 21st, 1881, and Companion George Stoddart Blackie, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee, who died at Nashville on the 9th day of June, 1881. Very beautiful memorial pages were set apart in the proceedings to each of the deceased Companions.

We have been studying in vain to solve the problem proposed by Grand Master Brown in the following:

“While, however, we have given, and now give, our unanimous and hearty allegiance to the General Grand Council—and were among the first to advocate its formation, let us be careful not to surrender to any other organization by whatever name it may be called, rights and prerogatives which are inherent in and attach to us as a sovereign power. Intrusted for the time being with legislative authority over the Rite in our State, we have no right to be false to those whom we represent nor to those who come after us by surrendering these trusts to any except our legitimate successors. In all that concerns the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the State of New York we as a Grand Council are supreme. We cannot be dictated to nor controlled by any other power. As an aid in our labors—as a co-laborer—as a means of preserving the Rite as a system, and as a means of unifying our ideas and making uniform our systems of government,

and our work, we give the General Grand Council our cordial support. As a legislative body competent to deprive us of the right to govern ourselves—as a body with officers who may control us in matters which have not our approval, we do not yield to its authority. I do not wish to be considered an alarmist nor as being disloyal to the General Grand body; nor do I see occasion for alarm during the term of office of the present General Grand Officers, nor at all if the General Grand Council is not permitted to increase its powers; but if our sovereignty is lost it will be a sudden act of usurpation. We have nothing to fear from this; but we must guard rather against the *gradual change of our relations to the General Grand Council*, whereby we may find that we have unconsciously, while sleeping at our posts in a sense of security gotten ourselves into a position so subordinate that our chief use will be to collect funds from our subordinates for the support of the General Grand Council. The recent districting of the (General Grand Jurisdiction among the General Grand Officers for supervision, innocent on its face, and perhaps of benefit to the Rite in States which have surrendered the degrees to the Chapter—and for the advice and assistance to be given by their active and learned masons, may after all contain in it an element of danger to our sovereignty. There is a possibility, I repeat, that after a time, by legislation, by decisions, by precedents, by weakness or carelessness on the part of State Grand bodies and their officers the powers now considered inherent in the Grand Councils and their officers may gradually but surely slip away from them forever. Once gone it cannot be recovered except by secession which may be then regarded as revolutionary, and a withdrawal from all connection with the Rite. The Grand Council of New York, Companions, has no need of a U. S. "District Deputy" to supervise its work and proceedings, and perhaps by and by the actions of its Grand Officers. The Grand Master is the highest officer known in this jurisdiction and no other person can preside in this Grand Council without his consent. I say this with all due respect to the officers of the General Grand Council, whom none esteem more highly than I. They have proven their love and devotion to the Rite by years of toil—I refer entirely to the principles—not to individuals. But I do think, Companions, that this is a matter of sufficient importance to demand your consideration—and at this time, before precedents are made, or legislation effected, I think you should define our exact relation to the General Grand Council, and declare what power you concede to it and its officers. This, if done now, while there is no question at issue between us, may prevent bitterness, dissatisfaction and possible disobedience at some future time. It is well, in other words, for you to now consider the question how far the General Grand Council is "*the governing Body of the Rite.*"

That looks to us a good deal as we have noticed in the action of the inhabitants of some of our western towns, who will work, fight and bleed, to get a railroad to run through their place—and just as soon as they get it, they turn around and begin to work and fight against it. New York was among the first to favor a General Grand Council. We were never heartily in favor of it. We considered it inexpedient, until the "Mississippi plan" began to take root in some of our jurisdictions, than as a harbor to save the Grand Councils from being swallowed up in that maelstrom, we did favor the formation of a General Grand Council. We have enlisted, can we muster ourselves out? He makes an excellent showing as to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that State.

The following is too good to pass over—we must scissor it:

"We should not acknowledge that we are now dependent for life and for regularity upon the will of any other branch of the fraternity. We have long ago been accorded a place in the American system of Masonry. The Cryptic

degrees constitute the crowning glory of the series. They 'form the apex of an institution of which symbolic masonry is the foundation.' We do not therefore, need the help of the knightly orders. The commanderies have deemed it a wise protection to select their material for membership from Royal Arch Chapters; and while we may think that though in this they have done well, they would do still better by requiring greater qualifications and receiving as candidates only those who have 'passed the circle of perfection'; still this is a matter which concerns them alone. If other societies should select all of their material for membership from symbolic masonry, should Royal Arch Chapters beg for recognition from those societies; or, as now, build upon her own connection with symbolic masonry and her own intrinsic merits? No, companions, we do not desire strength which can only be acquired by making our Rite a stepping stone to something else entirely foreign to it, nor do we deserve it if such is to be its source. Let us rather unite in appeals to the good of the Royal Arch Masons to enter the S. V., and with trowel in hand to join us in the completion of our moral and masonic edifice, without regard to the good work which may be done by Knights Templar. Let us devote *our* time to the cultivation of *our* degrees; and of the friendship which should ever exist among *all* masons.

The very names of our degrees indicate that they are not intended to be popular. They are rather for the good—for the *Royalty* of the craft—the *Select*—Where else in masonry can we better go for our ideal mason, than among the few and *select* who are diligent workers in the crypt? Do not be discouraged companions, by lack of numbers. Be alarmed rather, should there enter into the S. V. the unfaithful and the unworthy. If we are truly *Select Masters* how much deeper will be our sympathy for those with whom we stand thus closely connected in confraternal relationship, established for the very purpose of promoting this feeling and providing the means for its gratification!

The complaint which has been made so often by many mistaken companions, that Cryptic Masonry is weak, is a feeble institution and can only be sustained by merging it with the Chapter, or by prevailing upon Knights Templar to admit none to their ranks unless they shall have passed our arches is now, I hope, to cease. *Cryptic Masonry*, in New York at least, *is not waning*. If it is said that we are not increasing rapidly in numbers, we may reply that there are not so many Master Masons reported this year as last, nor so many R. A. Masons nor Knights Templar. If these other branches do not 'hold their own' as to numbers, and are not discouraged, why should we, who are increasing our strength, be downcast and disheartened? We have not been less prosperous than they. If we have not as many members on the rolls as they, what of that? It is my opinion that masonry would be none the worse, if, as a whole, it had been more exclusive, more *select*. If our ideal of masonry cannot be found elsewhere is it not in our power to make a nearer approach to it among those who prove their devotion to the art by their seeking admission to the S. V. ? To add *congenial spirits* to our numbers is desirable it is true, but we can best accomplish this in other ways than by simply making our arches a thoroughfare for Master Masons and Royal Arch Companions to hurry through on their way to enlist with the plumed knights. If Cryptic Masonry has any value it will survive by its own life-giving principles and without the aid of other and independent organizations. If it have no virtue of itself why should we mourn for its decadence or undertake to keep it alive with unnatural stimulants?"

Companion Charles G. Hudson submitted another of his super-excellent reports on Correspondence, covering forty-five pages in the proceedings.

He very ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1880.

Under the head of California he spares not companion Wiggins the late Grand Recorder. He says:

"California sends to us her proceedings for 1877-78-79. A perusal of the Proceedings of this Grand Council for 1879 contradicts the opinion entertained by many that this jurisdiction had adopted the Mississippi plan, and establishes the fact that the Annual Assemblies were regularly held. That no tidings have been received by any one from this Grand Council seems to lodge entirely upon the culpability of the G. R. C., Charles L. Wiggin. [That's so.] * * *

It seems strange to find that this Companion was re-elected; however in the Proceedings for 1879 we find another Companion as the Recorder, but a report signed by Charles Louis Wiggin, who for reasons best known to himself was absent. This report was to serve as a narcotic to put that jurisdiction forever to sleep, and cover up all his misdeeds."

Under the head of England and Wales he copies our report in full but credits it to Geo. W. Cooley—we don't complain, George deserves all and more credit than he gets—we are content.

Under the head of Indiana he puts Companion Austin down and dubs him the Grand-est Master. We compliment Companion Austin on receiving the honor—he deserves it.

Under the head of Maine he becomes truly eloquent. He says:

"Masonry like one of old cries, 'Buy the truth and sell it not.' Our ancient brethren devoutly seeking the Divine name, expected it would lead them into all truth. And to-day we are taught the same lesson to learn Him who is the truth. Do we not, Companions, forget our search for the truth? In our preparations for the search, we never get ready to start out in the search. So many are so utterly engrossed in the mere matter and wording of the instruction to search for truth, that they forget to search. The teachings of our Fraternity are not a mere form, not a mere ceremony to be forgotten on the morrow, but they are a grand reality, seeking to mould every life, and make every brother an earnest, conscientious follower of truth. It makes us sad indeed to see how many never rise to a realization of this great object taught by these ceremonies and symbols. They are all engrossed by the form of the temple, its gold, and silver, and cedar, and marble, and fine linen, its pillars, and sacred vessels, and forget to worship at the altar of the truth, and to lay their sacrifices thereon. What profit will it be, Companions, to be members of a truth seeking order, if we never seek the truth, and above all, if we never find it?"

And again under the same head, he gives a *dig* at the Knight Templars. We believe he is right—of course he is.

"For our own part we deeply regret the increasing tendency to costly public display, which is so plainly manifest in some branches of Masonry. Young men hurry through the degrees to take part in these displays and go off on these costly junketing expeditions. Hence they are never of any value in the Lodge, or Chapter. They never understand or appreciate the lower degrees. They do not become Masons in the true sense of the word.

We were pained to see the lavish prodigality with which money was wasted at Cleveland and Chicago. Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars were poured out. And for what? What good was done? What benefit to Masonry? How many asylums might have been founded and endowed with that same money, where the aged, but indigent, Mason, his widow or his orphans, might have found shelter. But how much of this money, thus squandered in public display, could have been obtained? Has any State such an asylum? There may be, but we do not know of them. How much more appropriate it would have been for an Order to use its wealth in such works, an Order that professes to remember the defenceless, the widow and the orphan, and which

is founded upon brotherly love, relief and truth. Could not a General Grand Body receive just as much honor, and maintain just as much dignity, by quietly convening at the appointed place with the escort of a few local bodies, and then transacting its business, and going home again?

We wish a year, or six months at least, intervened between the reception of each degree, and that every candidate should be required to attend a certain number of meetings, before he could be advanced.

He does not pass Minnesota by on the other side—but like the good Samaritan he notices us and even compliments us on our report. He quotes also from Grand Master Cooley's address. Thank you, Companion Hudson, we are glad our feeble efforts are somewhat appreciated.

We would like to go on and on quoting from Companion Hudson's report—but there must be an end—We are in the situation of the country lad, who, for the first time stopped with his father at a city hotel, when at the dinner table it was noticed the boy did not eat. The father, surprised, asked him why he did not eat something. The boy answered: Dad, the fact is I don't know what to eat first.

We will clip from his closing and try to be content:

"Companions, we have endeavored to do our duty. We have freely expressed our mind on all subjects of interest to the Craft. We have never desired to be severe or unkind in all these years. We have had the most fraternal feelings for all, even those who have differed from us, and even for those whose course we deemed most disastrous. We wish them all well, and none would be more ready to welcome the returning ones, or give them a heartier or gladder hand-clasp than we.

And now, Companions, another year has passed, and another Report is finished. We submit it to you and all its imperfections. As we go forth from our Annual Assembly may the blessings of the Ever Merciful go with us, and help us to work while it is day.

"How speaks the present hour? Act!
Walk upward glancing;
So shall the footsteps in glory be traced,
Slow, but advancing.
Scorn not the smallness of daily endeavor,
Let the great meanings ennoble it ever;
Droop not over efforts expended in vain;
Work, as believing that labor is gain.

What doth the future say? Hope!
Turn thy face sunward!
Look where the light fringes the far rising slope,
Day cometh onward.
Watch tho' so long be the twilight delaying,
Let the first sunbeam arise on thee praying;
Fear not, for greater is God by thy side
Than armies of Satan against thee allied."

Here is something we must clip, it is something we have never seen before. It was presented to the Grand Council of New York by R.:I.: John M. Macomb, Jr., and adopted by the Grand Council:

CHARGE TO THE GRAND LECTURER.

"RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: To you is assigned the important duty of imparting instruction to the officers and members of our Subordinate Councils. To this end it will be necessary for you to prepare yourself by careful study of the forms and ceremonies that have been enjoined upon us to preserve,

so that your instruction may at all times be ready and accurate. In your examinations of the proficiency of our Officers, you will see that due attention be paid to our rules and regulations that the ancient landmarks be not infringed, and in case you shall observe any failure on the part of any of our Councils to pay strict obedience to our laws, you are to report the same to the proper authority."

Companion John J. Martin, of Albany, was elected M. Ill. Grand Master.
Companion George Van Vliet, of New York city, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—LETTER.

We receive intelligence from Nebraska by way of letter from William R. Bowen, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. The Council degrees are still conferred in the Chapter, but at the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1881 the following resolution was offered and its consideration postponed until the second day of the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter, which will be in December, 1882:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that it is not proper for the Chapters of this jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master."

So we expect our prophecy of last year will prove true when we said:

"Nebraska, we are satisfied,
Will to her boats return
Two years ago she left behind,
But wisely did not burn."

NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

Grand Council assembled at Wilmington, May 31, 1882.

J. I. Macks, M. Ill. G. M. was present and presided.

Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a review of his official acts. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our own among the number.

I think Companion Macks favors becoming a constituent part of the G. G. C., but it was ordered to the contrary by the Grand Council.

The Treasury shows a balance of \$63.50.

Companion John Nichols, P. G. M., introduced a resolution with a view to the consolidation of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, which was laid over till the next annual Assembly.

Keep cool, John. Don't get mad and slop over.

Companions J. I. Macks and Daniel W. Bain were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1881.

For some reason, which I cannot explain, we did not receive the proceedings of this Grand Council until the last of September this year. We have no doubt that from the known punctuality of Companion Caldwell they were mailed to the Grand Recorder, and either lost in the mails, or received and got mislaid in the Grand Recorder's office; but we "sought and we found, we asked and we received, we knocked and it was opened unto us," for none will apply to Companion Caldwell in vain.

The fifty-first annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Toledo on the 21st day of September, 1881.

The Grand Master, Joseph M. Goodspeed, presided.

Fifty-one Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is full and complete, and contains much that is interesting. He details all his doings during the year, and by his report shows that the office of M. : I. : G. : Master of Ohio is no idle position.

Out of the many decisions made by him during the year only the following he thought important enough to report:

"1st. A Companion receives the degrees of R. S. M. in a Chapter of R. A. Masons, can he be admitted into a Council of S. M. without being formally healed?"

"2d. If necessary that he should be healed, what proceedings are necessary?"

"3d. After he is formally healed, does he become a member of the Council healing him?"

To which I replied:

"1st. He cannot be received into a Council as visitor or member without being first healed.

"2d. He must petition the Council, setting forth the facts. The petition must be referred, reported on, and a ballot taken, the same as any other petition.

"3d. If elected and formally healed, he becomes a member of the Council healing him.

"Ques.—1st. A Companion was elected to an office. It was subsequently learned that he stood suspended for non-payment of dues. Can he remove the suspension by paying dues and be installed?"

To which I replied:

"A suspended Companion cannot be elected to an office in the Council while suspended. If he is not eligible at the time of election, subsequent payment of dues does not make him eligible to be installed by virtue of said election."

Which decisions we believe are strictly in accordance with Masonic law, in our jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasury showed a balance of \$152.70.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Companion W. M. Cunningham. It was brief, covering only seven pages in the proceedings. He reviewed the proceedings of twelve Grand Councils—our own for some very unaccountable cause not having been placed in his hands, for I mailed them myself

to the Grand Recorder. So, it seems, we are at a stand-off. "Why are these things thus?"

A memorial page in the proceedings is set apart to the memory of our late President, James A. Garfield, together with his likeness, and also a short sketch of his Masonic history.

It would seem from this that he never received the Cryptic degrees.

Companion Joseph M. Goodspeed, of Athens, was re-elected M. I. G.

- Master.

Companion John D. Caldwell was, of course, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion S. Stacker Williams was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Communications.

OHIO—1882.

Proceedings from this Grand Council are out in double quick time. The Grand Council was held September 20th, and within thirty days we got the proceedings. That is business, and the way it ought to be done in all the jurisdictions.

The Fifty-Second Annual Assembly was held at Newark, Ohio, September 20th, 1882. Companion Jos. M. Goodspeed, Most Ill. G. M., was present and presided. Forty-four Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was simply a report of his official cast. It shows progress, peace and harmony.

Balance in the Treasury \$231.93.

The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made a report which we endorse and believe to be just and right. It was adopted:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was submitted for consideration the following question, namely: A Companion received the Royal and Select Masonic Degrees in a Council in Kentucky; afterwards the Council and Chapter Degrees of that State were consolidated. At the time of the consolidation the Companion was absent from Kentucky. He received a dimit from the Chapter of which he was a member, certifying that he had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master. Can he, on application, be received as a member of a Subordinate Council in this jurisdiction? respectfully report that, according to the statement contained in the question, the Companion received the Cryptic degrees in a Council duly constituted under the jurisdiction of a Grand Council. It does not appear that in any way he has forfeited his Masonic standing. The fact that since he received the degrees the Chapter and Council have consolidated, and that since that time the Cryptic degrees in that jurisdiction have been conferred in the Chapter should in no way deprive the members of their rights; and the fact that his dimit comes from the Chapter which is now in possession of its records is only a matter of evidence, and a proper certificate from the custodian of the records is sufficient, and that there is no legal bar to his affiliation in a Council in Ohio."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion S. Stacker Williams. It is a good report, but he makes a mistake about us when he says we say nothing about Ohio. Why, we have reviewed Ohio every

time; in our report for 1880 we gave Ohio eleven pages—and felt proud of the acquisition—we reviewed Ohio for 1879 and 1880—Companion Williams must have overlooked our proceedings for 1880.

Companion Williams gives us credit for information in regard to the Grand Council of England and Wales, but he has outflanked us in regard to the Grand Council of Malta. Take our hat, Companion Williams, we give up beat.

Companion Levi C. Goodale, of Cincinnati, was elected M.:I.: Grand Master.

Companion John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion S. Stacker Williams, of Newark, is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

ONTARIO—1881, LETTER.

We are indebted to Illustrious Companion Spry, Grand Recorder, for information in regard to this jurisdiction.

The Grand Assembly was held at the city of Hamilton, July 13th, 1881.

Ten Councils were represented. Much interest was taken in the Order, which is in a flourishing condition.

Cash Receipts.....	\$489 65
Expenditures.....	414 05

Balance on hand....	\$75 60
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Companion Joshua G. Burns, of Toronto, was re-elected Most Ill. Grand Master.

Companion Hugh A. Mackay, of Hamilton, was elected R.: Ill. Deputy Grand Master. Most Ill. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Ontario has jurisdiction now over all Canada, as the Grand Council of New Brunswick has ceased to exist.

The next Annual Assembly is to be held at the city of London, Ontario, on the 13th day of July, 1882.

No proceedings published for 1881.

MALTA—1880.

We take this from Companion S. Stacker Williams' report on Foreign Correspondence. He is trying to outflank us:

"The Grand Master of the Grand Council of England and Wales having established Subordinate Councils at Tunis and Malta, an alliance was formed, and these Subordinate Councils were organized into a *Provincial Grand Council*, on the 19th of October, 1880. Though of such recent planting, the Councils in this remote region begin to show good fruits. The aggregate membership at the time of the organization of the Provincial Grand Council was about fifty. All funds beyond current expenses and dues are devoted to aid the charitable funds of Craft Lodges in the district.

The degrees controlled by this Grand Council are those of Excellent, Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master. The following is the organization of this young Grand Council:

R. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. C. E. Coffey, R. A. D. P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Major Ewing, S. W.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Mackinon, J. W.; Bro. Rev. F. D. Backhouse, Chaplain; Bro. Dr. Walker, Secretary; Bro. Sir. F. Blackwood, Bart., D. of C.; Bro. Dr. Greir, S. D.; Bro. Captain Bannister, J. D.; Bro. Captain Bridger, Organist; Bro. Captain Ford, R. A. Inner Guard; Bro. R. Beck, Tyler; Bro. Captain Sanford, and Bro. Dr. Donovan, Grand Stewards."

PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

The thirty-sixth annual assembly of this Grand Council was held at Lancaster, February 15th, 1882, and was presided over by M. P. Grand Master George C. Johnstone.

Eight subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is simply a report of his official acts. He reports "Prosperity within her walls, and peace within her palaces," as to Council Masonry in that jurisdiction.

Total membership, 1,580.

Balance in Grand Treasury, \$1,847.29.

We notice that our much esteemed Companion Charles E. Meyer has been appointed Grand Representative of the Imperial Grand Council of Scotland.

Companion Meyer submitted a brief report on correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1881.

We can not refrain from scissoring the following from his report:

"It caused us the greatest pleasure to receive such a large number of proceedings, more particularly as among the number were several we mourned as dead, and we rejoiced to find that they were but, as it were, in a dream, a trance, a sleep bearing all the impress of death, but from which there was a glorious awakening. We would ask our Companions to join with us in thanksgiving for the lives that were spared—CALIFORNIA, MISSOURI, NORTH CAROLINA and WISCONSIN. Thrice welcome again to our Secret Vault. Let the past be forgotten; we will never mention it again to wound you. We have cut off your names from our memorial tablet, and were it not a matter of solemn reverence for your sleeping, not departed sisters, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi and Nebraska, we would raze the stone to the earth and grind it to powder, and scatter the dust to the four winds of heaven, so there might not remain among men or Masons the least trace to point to the fact of the fainting or dying by the wayside when there was so much work to be done. Sisters, let us again grasp your hands in life, let the sound of your trowels once again reach us in the vaults of our Cryptic Sanctum Sanctorum.

The formation of the General Grand Council has resulted in much good; it is binding or bringing together more closely the Grand Councils of this Country. Our views on joining the General Grand Council have not changed in the slightest—our feelings and love are as warm as when we wrote our last report. We then recommended this Grand Council not to become a part of this General Grand Body for reasons we then explained. We believe that we can exert as

much, yea more, influence without than within a Grand Body, to join which we would have to surrender a portion at least of our sovereignty."

He compliments us by inserting our "summed up" in full. Companion James S. Barber was elected M.: P.: Grand Master and Companion Charles E. Meyer was re-elected Grand Recorder. Post-office address of both is Philadelphia.

Companion Meyer is still Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

RHODE ISLAND—1882—CIRCULAR.

This Grand Council met in Annual Assembly, at Orphan's Hall, in the City of Providence, on the 13th day of March, 1882.

The Grand Council decided not to become a constituent of the General Grand Council. "If not, why not?"

It was decided not to publish the proceedings this year.

Companion Edwin Baker, of Providence, **Most Ill. Grand Master.**

Companion Wm. R. Greene, of **Providence**, Grand Recorder.

SCOTLAND—LETTER.

We receive a report from this Grand Council by the courtesy of Companion R. S. Brown, Illustrious Grand Recorder, who by letter dated August 31st, 1882, gives us a brief history of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

The Grand Council was organized December 4th, 1880.

There are three Subordinate Councils, one at Edinburgh, one at Aberdeen and one at Glasgow.

No proceedings have yet been printed, but the constitutions are in the printer's hands and will soon be out.

The Grand Council is prosperous and hopeful.

The present Grand officers are as follows:

Captain Charles Hunter, 32° Most Pussiant Grand Master.

Companion R. S. Brown, 30° Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder's address is No. 5, Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The next Grand Assembly will be held October 28th, 1882.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1881 and 1882.

The proceedings of two Grand Assemblies, of this Grand Jurisdiction, are contained under one cover, and enclosing nine pages. Both were held at Charleston; one on the 16th day of February, 1881, and the other on the 15th day of February, 1882.

Most Illustrious Grand Master W. H. D. Gaillard was present, and presided at the assembly of 1881.

Eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief. We clip the following:

"COMPANIONS:—When we last parted, it was at the obsequies of our Grand Council, as we then formally dissolved, and supposed that the Grand Council of South Carolina had ceased to exist, having agreed to remand the control of the Council Degrees to the Grand Chapter. Since that time the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at its twenty-fourth triennial Convocation, held in Detroit, Michigan, on the 24th of August, 1880, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved. That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

Our own Grand Chapter of South Carolina has accordingly this day relinquished into the hands of your officers the trusts surrendered by your direction one year ago: and as your last Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have reassumed control of the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in South Carolina, and announce that the Grand Council of South Carolina once again takes her place in the great sisterhood of Grand bodies. God grant that, phoenix-like, she may arise from her ashes to put on new beauty and a more vigorous growth and life.

I beg to notify you, that at a Convention of Royal and Select Masters held in Detroit, Michigan, in August last, at which our Companion, C. F. Jackson, was present and represented us, it was decided to organize a General Grand Council, and they did so organize, and adopted a constitution, to go into effect whenever nine Grand Councils ratified and accepted the same. I am informed that the requisite number of Grand Councils have done so, and therefore the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America is an accomplished fact. I would therefore respectfully recommend that this Grand Council do ratify and accept the same, and thus become a constituent member thereof."

The General Grand Council of the United States was ratified and endorsed.

Companion Gaillard was re-elected Grand Master.

No report on Correspondence.

Companion Gaillard was present and presided at the assembly for 1882.

Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is purely of local import.

The Grand Recorder acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, but no report on correspondence was made.

Companion J. E. Brazeale, of Anderson, M. I. Grand Master.

Companion D. D. Moore, Rock Hill, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1882.

Thirty-Second Annual Assembly begun and held in the city of Nashville, February 3, 1882.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwin Burney presided.

Ten Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very good address. In opening, he says:

"The gavel has sounded, our doors closed, and the hour has arrived for us to repair to our several stations and resume our labors. Then, let us render

thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, for his kindness during the past year, and invoke his blessing upon our labors for the future.

"Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee is becoming more popular each year. With the other branches of the Fraternity, we went to the bottom of the ladder, but I am glad to say now that with them we have again begun the ascent, are gradually rising higher and higher, and ere long will occupy the proud place so justly our due. Our Companions are becoming more and more enlightened each year, and now begin to recognize the fact that the Royal Arch Degree is not complete until the Royal and Select Master's Degrees have been taken.

"Some of our Companion R. A. M. Masons get impatient to wear the gaudy trappings of the Knights Templar, and upon the advice of some poorly informed Sir Knight, that it is not necessary to take the Council Degrees to become a Templar, hasten forward and assume vows which they no more understand or appreciate than their ignorant adviser."

We can freely indorse all the above and would *go some better*. We, in our experience, have seen much of this making the Chapter and Council *stepping stones* to the Commandery, and when once over they are never seen around our altars any more forever. But we say let them go. If they can do any good in that branch of Masonry, God bless them in all the good they can do.

The Grand Master made the following decision:

"Question.—Is it necessary to heal a Companion who has received the Council degrees in a Chapter, as they are conferred in Virginia and other States, to qualify him to sit in Council with us?

"Answer.—No one can visit or sit in a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Tennessee unless he has received the degrees in a Council holding a warrant or charter from the General Grand Council of the United States, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry."

The Grand Master feelingly refers to the decease of two Companions who have been prominent in the Cryptic work in that State, to wit: George Stodart Blackie, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., Ill. Deputy Grand Master, who died June 19th, 1881, aged 47 years. And P. G. Stiver Perkins, Past Ill. Deputy Grand Master, of that jurisdiction. Appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings to the memory of the Illustrious Companions.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwin Burney, and is condensed into eight pages in the proceedings. He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, among which Minnesota is not forgotten. Companion Burney, of Nashville, was re-elected Most Ill. Grand Master. Companion John Frizzell, of Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1882.

Grand Council assembled in Milwaukee, February, 1882.

But very little business was done. A committee was appointed to draft a new constitution, and report at the next Grand Assembly. The same Grand officers were re-elected.

At present the Companions of Wisconsin do not entertain a very exalted opinion in regard to the General Grand Council, and don't think they will take

it in. No compulsion Companions, it must be an act of your own free will and accord.

"If there were yet a choice, if
Yet some milder
Way of escape were possible I still
Will choose it, and avoid the last extreme."

Companion Fred King Jr., of La Crosse, Grand Master.

Companion John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

For the seventh time we have the honor and the pleasure of submitting our report on foreign correspondence. For the seventh time we bring to you our offerings, precious to us, as being the result of much labor, research and persistency, and as being the sequence of our penetrations into, and gatherings from, the secret vaults of every Grand Jurisdiction in the world. We have let no half open doors pass our notice, nor any matter of importance escape unnoted. All we have to say is, "We are done." If our work suits you, accept it. If not, treat it as you will.

To our Companions, the Reporters, Grand Recorders, and Grand Masters of other jurisdictions, we return our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your kindness, consideration and courtesy, in answering our letters of inquiry, and furnishing us the desired information.

To each, and every one and all, we say, "God bless you."

Faternally submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,

Chairman of the Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GROVE B. COOLEY, M. I. G. M.	Minneapolis.
THEODORE BURKHARD, R. I. D. G. M.	St. Paul.
D. M. BALDWIN, R. I. G. P. C. of W.	Red Wing.
G. W. MERRILL, R. I. G. T.	St. Paul.
WILLIAM CHENEY, R. I. G. Recorder.	Minneapolis.
R. W. CUMMINGS, Grand C. of G.	Minneapolis.
J. B. CULVER, Grand C. of G.	Duluth.
REV. D. B. KNICKERBACKER, Grand Chaplain.	Minneapolis.
HENRY BRAND, Grand Marshal.	St. Paul.
JOHN H. LAVAQUE, Grand Steward.	Duluth.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 8th day of October, 1883. at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council assembled at Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, on Monday, October 8th, A. D. 1883, at the hour of 4 o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, M. I. Grand Master.
Companion H. L. CARVER, as R. I. D. Grand Master.
Companion D. M. BALDWIN, R. I. P. C. of Work.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer.
Companion WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder.
Companion GEO. W. COOLEY, as Grand C. of G.
Companion D. B. SMITH, as Grand C. of C.
Companion WM. S. COMBS, as Grand Steward.
Companion J. C. FISHER, as Grand Sentinel.

With representatives from Subordinate Councils and other Illustrious Companions.

OPENING.

The Grand Council was then opened in AMPLE FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials, to-wit : Companions WM. CHENEY, D. M. BALDWIN and D. B. SMITH.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following officers and members entitled to seats in this Grand Body :

GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, M. I. G. M.
Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, R. I. D. G. M.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer.
Companion WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion WM. S. COMBS, P. M. I. G. M.
Companion GEO. W. COOLEY, P. M. I. G. M.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, P. M. I. G. M.
Companion H. L. CARVER, P. R. I. D. G. M.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

G. W. MERRILL, T. I. M.
WILLIAM S. COMBS, R. I. D. M.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

WILLIAM CHENEY, R. I. D. M.

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, T. I. M.

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 7.

D. B. SMITH, T. I. M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

England and Wales.....	GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Georgia.....	G. W. MERRILL, St. Paul.
Massachusetts.....	WM. S. COMBS, St. Paul.
Maine.....	GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Michigan.....	GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Illinois.....	GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Ontario.....	DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Red Wing.
New Jersey.....	GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
New York.....	GEORGE W. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Pennsylvania.....	GEORGE W. COOLEY, Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	GEORGE W. COOLEY, Minneapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM CHENEY,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
D. B. SMITH,

Committee.

On motion of Companion WILLIAM S. COMBS, it was voted that all Select Masters, in good and regular standing, be invited to seats in this Grand Council.

Companion WILLIAM CHENEY offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last regular Grand Assembly be omitted, printed copies of the proceedings being on the Grand Recorder's desk.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to-wit :

On Grand Master's Address—G. W. MERRILL, GEO. W. COOLEY and D. M. BALDWIN.

On Transcript of Councils, U. D—GEO. W. COOLEY, H. L. CARVER and WM. S. COMBS.

On Returns of Chartered Councils—W. S. COMBS, D. B. SMITH and D. M. BALDWIN.

On Appeals and Grievances—W. S. COMBS, WM. CHENEY and G. W. MERRILL.

On Finance—D. M. BALDWIN, GEO. W. COOLEY and G. W. MERRILL.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—H. L. CARVER, J. M. WILLIAMS and D. B. SMITH.

On Foreign Correspondence—GEO. W. COOLEY, WM. S. COMBS and D. M. BALDWIN.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions :

Another year has past and again we meet in Grand Assembly. Once more we form the mystic chain of friendship and love, and gladly greet companions old and new, and welcome each to this our Cryptic Circle.

The year past has been in many respects more than an ordinary one. Internal convulsions and external contortions have rent the earth, and strewed its surface with havoc and destruction, as if by the hand of the destroying angel. Cyclones and tornadoes have swept the land and the sea, leaving in their tracks devastation and death, while earthquakes and volcanic eruptions have buried cities and towns, and sent millions to untimely graves.

Even our own beautiful land of Minnesota, the land of many waters, has been visited by the whirlwind and the storm. The beautiful city of Rochester has trembled and cowed before their terrible presence, and its people look with sorrow and sadness upon the wreck of their homes and devastated fields, and mourn the loss of dear and loved ones so untimely swept away.

Yet, while there are so many things to make us sorrowful, there is much to make us glad.

Our lives have been spared; we have tasted much of joy; we are now permitted to grasp the hand fraternal, and look each other in the face, and for this, and all blessings, we would give our heart-felt thanks to our Father who is in Heaven.

AT REST.

"Time," says an old writer, "is like a ship which never anchors," and every day brings us new losses and sorrows. Death has again come into our Grand Council and taken away from us JOSHUA B. CULVER, of Duluth, who, at the time of his death, was Grand Conductor of this Grand Council. He died at Buffalo, N. Y., July 17th, 1883, and was buried with Masonic honors. The sad news of his death only reached me just before this Grand Assembly, and I have had no opportunity to learn the particulars of his death nor to get information as to his history.

St. Paul Council No. 1, reports the death of our very much esteemed Companion, GEORGE L. OTIS. He died at his residence in the city of St. Paul, on the 29th day of March, 1883. He had achieved a high station in the Masonic Order, although he never held any position of rank in the Cryptic Rite. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota in 1870 and 1871. He held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1864 to 1873. He was born in Homer, Courtland county, New York, October 8th, 1829, hence, when he died he had lived out but little more than one-half the allotted span of life, but the years he lived demonstrated the truth of the old maxim, that "It is not those who live the longest that live the most." He was a good man and a true Mason.

Companion W. B. LANGRIDGE, Past Grand Master, and late Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Iowa; also Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, died at his home in Muscatine, Iowa, August 4th, 1883, of poisoning from a blood tumor. He was a fine scholar, an excellent Mason, and a royal man. He was sixty-two years of age when he died. "His Column is broken; his brethren mourn."

I would recommend that appropriate pages in the proceedings be set apart to the memory of these deceased Companions, and including such others, if any, as may be reported as having died during the year.

OFFICIAL.

I have but little to report in regard to my official acts during the year. No question of Masonic law has been submitted to me for decision, and no grievance has come to my knowledge. All is peace and harmony.

My correspondence has been very extensive. I have been in communication with all the Grand Jurisdictions in the world. For the result of my efforts, I beg leave to refer you to the Report on Correspondence.

VISITATIONS.

On the 2d day of December, 1882, at the request of Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Grand P. .C. . of W. . and T. .I. .M. . of Tyrian Council No. 4, at Red Wing, I visited said Council, accompanied by Companions WILLIAM CHENEY, Grand Recorder ; C. HENRY BENTON, P. .R. . Ill. D. .G. .M. . and J. M. WILLIAMS, T. .I. .M. . of Minneapolis Council No. 2.

To say "that it was a very enjoyable assembly," would be speaking of it in mild terms. I granted my dispensation to the Council to receive and ballot on five petitions at the special assembly, and assisted in conferring the degrees on eight candidates.

There were about forty members present in attendance.

After the work was all done we were invited to "banquet." We went and felt that "It were good to be there." To say that it was at Red Wing, and that the Red Wing Companions "got it up," is a sufficient voucher that it was good.

There need be no anxiety as to the prosperity of Tyrian Council No 4.

On the 21st day of December, 1882, accompanied by Companion HENRY F. LATZ, a member of Minneapolis Council No. 2, I visited Austin Council No. 7, constituted the Council and installed the officers of the same, after which I assisted in conferring the Cryptic degrees upon four candidates.

The visit was a very enjoyable one, and long to be remembered.

Austin Council promises to be among the first in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

St. Paul Council No. 1.

This Council has remained *statu quo*, until just before the assembly of this Grand Council, when Past Grand Master WILLIAM S. COMBS wrote me that there was a fair prospect for a revival, and wished me to grant my dispensation to the Council to elect their officers at a special assembly, which I cheerfully did, feeling assured that good would result from it.

Present membership, forty-six. Loss during the year, twenty-six.

Minneapolis Council No. 2.

This Council is in a very promising condition. It is well officered, and the work is well done. Thirty-three have passed the Circle during the year. Sixteen have been stricken from the roll. Nine have dimitted. Gain during the year, seven. Present membership, 174.

Rochester Council No. 3.

I have been in correspondence with Companion R. H. GOVE, late a member of this Council, and he writes me that the Companions are very anxious to have the Charter returned. Had it not been for the terrible cyclone that spread such devastation in the city of Rochester, I think something would have been done in regard to the matter before this Grand Assembly. I would therefore recommend the matter of Rochester Council No. 3, in relation to the return of the Charter to the same, be referred to the judgment and discretion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master elect.

Tyrian Council No. 4.

This Council is in a prosperous condition. During the year eight have past the Circle. Three have dimitted. Gain five. Present membership, fifty-two.

Adoniram Council No. 5.

This Council holds its own, and "goes one better." Only one has passed the Circle during the year. Number of members at last report, fifty-five. Gain during the year, one. Present membership, fifty-six.

Duluth Council No. 6.

This Council is in the way of "well-doing." Five have passed the Circle during the year. One has died. Gain, four. Present membership, twenty-seven.

Austin Council No. 7.

This Council, though young, has done well. They have met with misfortune, by the fall of their Masonic hall. They, however, have not lost courage, but propose to go on in the good work

Number passed the Circle, four. No losses during the year. Present membership, twenty-one.

RECAPITULATION.

Membership at last Assembly.....	367
Number passed the Circle.....	51
Number stricken from the roll.....	36
Number dimitted.....	12
Number died.....	2
Total membership at date.....	368
Gain during the year.....	1

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

It was my purpose to attend the Grand Assembly of this Grand Body at Denver, in August last, but when the time drew near, I found myself compelled to forego the anticipated pleasure.

I am, however, greatly pleased to be enabled to report to you in regard to the same by way of a communication from M.° Ill. Companion GEORGE W. COOLEY, G.°G.°P.°C.° of W.°, which is as follows:

To Grove B. Cooley, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota:

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION:—It gives me great pleasure to be able to report to you at this Assembly of our Grand Council in regard to the general condition of the Cryptic Rite. You are aware how, for many years, the contest was carried on for the preservation of our degrees against many obstacles, principally the so-called "Mississippi plan," and the prerequisite question.

The former is dead and buried; the latter is now of so little importance as to give us no concern. Through the contest Minnesota was always at the front, fighting against opposition of all kinds, determined to win, and being fortunate enough to be associated with other Grand Councils who entered the lists with the same determination, we finally secured what we had been so many years contending for, suitable recognition and an independent organization. Without asking too much consideration for our own Grand Council, it is but proper here to observe that the first formal proposition for a General Grand Council came from us, and our own representative at Detroit, in 1880, was chairman of the committee appointed to consider the question, and propose a constitu-

tion. The constitution then and there proposed was unanimously ratified by the Convention, and in less than one year was endorsed by eighteen Grand Councils.

The movement was a fortunate one, well timed and successful. States that were considered doubtful united with us, and others, who had a decided leaning toward the "Mississippi Plan," joined the General Grand Council. The position of many of the so-called merging states was taken under a misunderstanding of the actual condition of the Rite. Many supposed, and honestly so, that the degrees were generally considered by the Craft important, and could not be maintained as an independent body. This idea was obtained principally from those Companions, who, differing with us, had widely promulgated their opinion favoring the plan of uniting with the Chapter, and their arguments were perhaps very sound, but were based, not on the general condition of the order, but upon its condition in their own particular field.

Cryptic Masonry, notwithstanding the contrary opinion obtaining in many States, is not, and never was in a condition bordering on disorganization; nor was it ever too weak a body to maintain a distinct government. But because it was not organized, or governed, in a manner similar to the other branches of Masonry, in other words, was not advertised, as it were, it had not become so widely known, and I have no doubt that many of our "Fraters" entered the Orders of Knighthood, that had never heard of a Royal and Select Master. In other words, Cryptic Masonry is, always has been, and always must be a Select Rite.

But the General Grand Council has been organized. February 23d, 1881, the General Grand Recorder notified the Craft that the constitution had been properly ratified, and, upon that notification, the officers assumed their duties.

The first Triennial Assembly was held at Denver, August 14th, 1883, at which sixteen Grand and three Subordinate Councils, under dispensation, were represented, with a capita representation of fifty-eight members. The union was of great interest and importance to the Rite, and adjourned to meet in Washington, in August, 1886.

The following officers were elected:

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, New York.....	G..G..M..
GEORGE J. PINCKARD, Louisiana.....	D..G..G..M..
GEORGE W. COOLEY, Minnesota.....	G..G..P..C.. of W..
O. A. B. SENTER, Ohio.....	G..G.. Treasurer.
BENJ. F. HALLER, Tennessee.....	G..G.. Recorder.

Who were installed by the General Grand High Priest.

The finances were in a very satisfactory condition, and 500 copies of the proceedings were ordered printed, which will shortly be distributed among the Craft.

In concluding, Most Illustrious Grand Master, permit me to congratulate you on our success, and to thank you and our Council for the active and earnest part taken during the last few years in behalf of Cryptic Masonry.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
G..G..P..C.. of W..

CONCLUSION.

In retiring from this very honorable station in the Grand Council to which you have by your kindness exalted me, allow me to return to you my heartfelt thanks for your kind consideration and forbearance, and for the courtesy you have continually extended to me. I have no excuses to make to you for what I have done or for what I have left undone. I have simply to say, I have done the best I could. In 1876, when I first entered the Cryptic field of Masonic labor, I found it barren and almost destitute of interest. The laborers were few, and that few were nearly tired out and discouraged. I tried to encourage and cheer, and to throw in my mite to aid the workers to make the almost barren waste produce and bring forth fruits, worthy of their labor, and their pains.

What has been done you know, and we ought to congratulate ourselves for the grand result. Where Apathy slow dragged her dead weight along, now runs the quick car of animated progress and advancement. Now those that were willing to "go to that bourne ne'er more to return," have concluded it is better to stay with mother, rather than seek shelter in the home of a much encumbered aunt. That it is better to bear our burdens than to ask our neighbors and relatives to bear them for us. The Cryptic Rite now has as firm a footing as any of the Masonic bodies, and I cannot see why it will not be as permanent and lasting. I for one am proud of our record, and predict a future of prosperity and success.

I now return to you the gavel which you so confidently entrusted to me, and trust that my successor will be equally, if not more fortunate than myself in building up the Cryptic Temple in Minnesota.

And now, Companions, let us proceed with the duties of this our Fourteenth Annual Assembly, and let all that we do be done in that spirit of kindness and forbearance becoming and fitting those who truly are Royal and Select Masters, and when our labors here shall end, may we all be deemed worthy to receive the rewards allotted to the true and faithful.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
M.:I.: Grand Master.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota now in session :

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for subdivision and reference, respectfully report :

1. That the recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in regard to deceased Companions, be adopted, and that a memorial page be set apart in the proceedings to their memory, and that a page also be set apart to the memory of Companion THOMAS J. PERRY, late representative of our Grand Council, near the Grand Council of Georgia, which was inadvertently omitted in our last year's proceedings.

2. That the acts of the Grand Master be approved and sanctioned, and the thanks of this Grand Council be extended to him, for the faithful and able manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Grand Council during his term of office.

G. W. MERRILL,
GEO. W. COOLEY,
D. M. BALDWIN,

Committee.

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Scotland, near the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota, and he was duly received and acknowledged as such.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 7 o'clock P. M.

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY then presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, on motion, was ordered printed in the proceedings of the Grand Council.

The Committee on Chartered Councils submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils would make the following report :

That we have examined the returns of the following Councils, and find the same correct :

Name of Council.	Membership:	Dues.
St. Paul, No. 1.....	46	\$ 11 50
Minneapolis, No. 2.....	174	76 50
Tyrian, No. 4.....	52	21 00
Adoniram, No. 5.....	56	14 75
Duluth, No. 6.....	27	10 50
Austin, No. 7.....	21	8 25
Total.....	376	\$142 50

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
W. S. COMBS,
D. B. SMITH,

Committee.

The Grand Recorder then submitted his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 8, 1883.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota :

Your Grand Recorder begs leave to present his Annual Report for the year 1882 and 1883, as follows :

WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder, in account with Grand Council of Minnesota :

1882.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Oct. 9. Balance on hand.....		\$46 25
1883.		
Oct. 8. Rec'd of Duluth Council, No. 6, dues.....		10 50
" " " Austin Council, No. 7, dues.....		8 25
" " " Tryian Council, No. 4, dues.....		21 00
		<u>\$86 00</u>

Cr.

By amount paid over to Grand Treasurer.....\$86 00
There is due Grand Recorder for postage during the year, \$7.50

Respectfully submitted,

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer then made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

ST. PAUL, Oct. 8th, 1883.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

GEORGE W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters :

1882.	
Oct. 9—Dr. to balance on hand as per report of that year.....	\$173 00
1883.	
Oct. 8—Received three vouchers for moneys paid by the Grand Recorder.....	57 75
Oct. 8—Received cash of Companion CHENEY, Grand Recorder.....	28 25
Total Receipts.....	\$259 90

1882.

Cr.

Oct. 10—By cash paid warrant in favor of J. C. FISHER.....	\$ 2 00
Dec. 29—By cash paid warrant in favor of Johnson, Smith & Harrison.....	6 00
Dec. 29—By cash paid warrant in favor of Johnson, Smith & Harrison.....	94 50
1883.	
July 21—By cash paid warrant in favor of GEO. W. COOLEY, dues.....	5 50
Oct. 8—By cash paid out by Grand Recorder on warrants, as follows, viz:	
To G. B. COOLEY, Chairman Committee on Correspondence....	25 00
To WILLIAM CHENEY, Grand Recorder....	25 00
To WILLIAM CHENEY, for postage.....	7 75
Total disbursements.....	\$165 75
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$94 15

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that nothing had come before them for their consideration, which was adopted.

Companion G. W. MERRILL, from the Committee on St. Paul Council No. 1, made report of progress in that Council; that they have elected new officers, and have some candidates ready for the degrees, and that the prospects are good.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made report that nothing had come before them for their consideration, which was adopted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers.

Companions WILLIAM S. COMBS and D. B. SMITH were appointed tellers.

The election resulted as follows :

Companion GROVE B. COOLEY.....	M.°I.°G.°M.°.
“ D. M. BALDWIN.....	R.°I.°D.°G.°M.°.
“ D. B. SMITH.....	R.°I.°G.°P.°C.° of W.°.
“ G. W. MERRILL.....	R.°I.°G.° Treasurer.
“ WILLIAM CHENEY.....	R.°I.°G.° Recorder.

INSTALLATION.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master GEORGE W. COOLEY, then installed the elective officers. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master WILLIAM S. COMBS, acting as Grand Marshal.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, GROVE B. COOLEY, then made the following appointments, and they were duly installed :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Companion E. E. McDERMOTT.....	G.°C.° of G.°.
“ J. H. LAVAQUE.....	G.°C.° of C.°
“ G. S. ACKER.....	Grand Marshal.
“ J. P. POND.....	Grand Chaplain.
“ E. A. BROUGHTON.....	Grand Steward.
“ J. C. FISHER.....	Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Finance then submitted their report, as follows, which was adopted :

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the reports of Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct, with the following exhibit :

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 94 15
Due from St. Paul Council No. 1, for dues for 1877-78- 1882-'83.....	83 25
Due from Minneapolis Council No. 2.....	76 50
Due from Adoniram Council No. 5.....	14 75
Total resources.....	\$258 65

We would recommend that the bill of Companion CHENEY, Grand Recorder, for postage, \$7.50, be allowed and order drawn for the amount, and that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to Companion CHENEY for services as Grand Recorder ; also, the sum of \$25.00 to M. I. G. M. COOLEY as a partial compensation for his invaluable services ; and the sum of \$2.00 to Companion FISHER as Grand Sentinel.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
GEO. W. COOLEY,
G. W. MERRILL,

Committee.

On motion of Companion WILLIAM CHENEY, it was ordered that 500 copies of the proceedings be printed, and that the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Recorder be appointed a committee to attend to the same.

On motion of Companion WILLIAM CHENEY a vote of thanks was extended to Minneapolis Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, for the use of their Hall.

On motion of Companion D. M. BALDWIN, it was voted that the time of the next Grand Assembly be fixed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and to be announced by him in the printed proceedings.

On motion of Companion GEORGE W. COOLEY, it was voted that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer to pay the dues of the General Grand Council.

On motion of Companion D. M. BALDWIN, it was voted that the matter of Granting a Charter to Fergus Falls Council U.°.D.°, be left to the discretion of the Grand Master.

St. Paul Council No. 1, through their representatives, extended to the Grand Council an invitation to partake of a banquet, after the closing of the Grand Assembly, which was unanimously accepted by the Grand Council.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Minnesota, was closed in AMPLE FORM, with appropriate ceremonies and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GROVE B. COOLEY,
M.°.I.°.G.°. Master.

Attest :

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder.



GRAND RECORDERS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery
Arkansas.....	L. E. Barber.....	Little Rock
California.....	Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco
Canada.....	Daniel Spry.....	Barrie
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford
England and Wales.....	D. M. Dewar.....	{ 8 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida.....	John Carlovitz.....	Milton
Georgia.....	Andrew M. Wolihin.....	Albany
Illinois.....	Gill. W. Barnhard.....	Chicago
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte
Kentucky.....		
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert..	New Orleans
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland
Maryland.....	Geo. L. McCahan.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	Alfred A. Chapman.....	Boston
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit
Minnesota.....	Wm. Cheney.....	Minneapolis
Missouri.....	W. H. Mayo.....	St. Louis
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton
New York.....	Geo. Van Vleit.....	New York
Nebraska.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia
Rhode Island.....	Wm. B. Greene.....	Providence
Scotland.....	Robert S. Brown.....	{ 5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	D. R. Moore.....	Rock Hill
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville
Vermont.....	Edward E. Greenleaf.....	Burlington

REPRESENTATIVES

—OF—

OTHER GRAND COUNCILS,

NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post office Address
Alabama	Charles Leonard	St. Paul
California.....	Fred L. Smith	Minneapolis
Canada	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Connecticut	B. F. Wright	St. Paul
England and Wales	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Florida.....	Wm. Lochren	Minneapolis
Georgia	G. W. Merrill	St. Paul
Illinois	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Indiana	S. G. Willard.....	Red Wing
Louisiana	Wm. Lochren	Minneapolis
Maine.....	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis
Maryland	A. A. Ames	Minneapolis
Massachusetts	Wm. S. Combs	St. Paul
Michigan	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
Missouri	Geo. W. Cooley	Minneapolis
New Hampshire	C. Henry Benton.....	Minneapolis
New Jersey.....	D. M. Baldwin	Red Wing
New York	Geo. W. Cooley	Minneapolis
Ohio	Wm. Lochren	Minneapolis
Pennsylvania	Geo. W. Cooley	Minneapolis
Rhode Island.....	B. F. Wright.....	St. Paul
Scotland	Grove B. Cooley.....	Minneapolis
South Carolina	Fred Woodburne	St. Paul
Tennessee	Theodore Burkhard.....	St. Paul
Vermont	Charles Leonard.....	St. Paul
Wisconsin.....	Fred Joss	Red Wing

REPRESENTATIVES

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA,

NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post Office Address
Alabama	Wm. P. McCollum	Selma
California	George T. Grimes	San Francisco
Canada.....	W. H. Porter.....	Brantford
Connecticut	Fred H. Waldron	New Haven
England and Wales....	Frederick Binkes {	2 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz.....	Milton
Georgia	James W. Taylor	Lutherville
Indiana	Albert P. Charles.....	Seymour
Kansas.....	John H. Brown	Wyandotte
Louisiana	George J. Pinckard.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	Charles J. Colamore.....	Bangor
Maryland....	S. C. Bush.....	Baltimore
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble	Detroit
Missouri	Allan McDowell.....	St Louis
New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hildreth.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	
New York.....	A. B. King	Troy
Ohio.....	David S. Fisher	Kenton
Pennsylvania.....	Geter C. Shidle	Pittsburg
Rhode Island.....	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence
Scotland.....	Capt. Charles Hunter	Edinburgh
South Carolina.....	J. E. C. Dupre.....	Abbeville
Tennessee.....	W. R. Shaver	New Middleton
Vermont	Albert C. Hubbell.....	Bennington
Wisconsin.....	J. P. C. Cottrel.....	Milwaukee

ANNUAL RETURNS

—OF—

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

ST. PAUL.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

G. W. MERRILL.....	T.°.I.°.M.°.
W. S. COMBS.....	D.°.I.°.M.°.
G. S. ACKER.....	P.°.C.°. of W.°.
A. M. P. COWLEY.....	Treasurer.
A. F. C. COBB.....	Recorder.
C. F. YEAGER.....	C.°. of G.°.
C. F. YEAGER.....	C.°. of C.°.
J. P. POND.....	Steward.
J. C. FISHER.....	Sentinel.

MEMBERSHIP.

WM. S. COMBS.
 JOHN H. DODGE.
 FRED RICHTER.
 ISAAC P. WRIGHT.
 C. N. PARKER, JR.
 HENRY ROY.
 E. M. COX.
 WM. N. CANBY.
 H. BURMINGHAM.
 A. F. C. COBB.
 F. S. SWISHER.

HENRY L. CARVER.
 WM. F. BAILEY.
 J. C. TERRY.
 B. F. WRIGHT.
 W. A. SPENCER.
 J. R. JENKS.
 JOSEPH NELSON.
 FRED WOODBURN.
 JOSIAH MARVIN.
 A. H. MERRICK.
 WM. CORLISS.

MEMBERSHIP—*Continued.*

R. C. MUNGER.	C. F. YEAGER.
GEO. HUNSAKER.	JOSEPH BERGFELD.
JAMES P. POND.	THEODORE BURKHARD.
S. D. DOWNS.	C. F. MAHLER.
W. I. JEWETT.	P. S. HARRIS.
E. S. BECK.	G. W. MERRILL.
CHARLES LEONARD.	T. P. CONNALLY.
D. A. MONTFORT.	GEO. S. ACKER.
C. M. DITTMORE.	G. W. SEYMOUR.
J. P. GRIFFIN.	HENRY BROAD.
A. M. P. COWLEY.	J. H. MURPHY.
N. S. WHITNEY.	A. J. BURMINGHAM.

STRICKEN FROM THE ROLL.

JULIEN H. GATES.	J. H. STEWART.
A. MOORE, JR.	D. S. STOMBS.
JESSE W. CROUSE.	GEO. W. PRESCOTT.
C. W. NASH.	C. W. CARPENTER.
CHARLES MILNE.	WM. NIEMAN.
WM. T. UNDERWOOD.	J. H. MCCLUSKY.
GEO. G. BARNUM.	R. P. MARVIN.
WM. CARVER.	M. C. TENEYCK.
J. M. EMERSON.	H. HALL.
M. J. WATTS.	G. S. ROBINSON.

DIED, BUT NEVER BEFORE REPORTED.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON..1877	A. RICHARDSON.....1878
J. C. P. ORDWAY.....1876	E. M. STOWER.....1880
GEO. L. OTIS.....1882	J. H. MEYERS.....1876

Total membership, 46.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular Meeting third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. M. WILLIAMS.....	T. I. M.
WM. CHENEY.....	D. I. M.
CHARLES C. BRAND.....	P. C. of W.
THOMAS F. HURLEY.....	Treasurer.
GEO. W. CATES.....	Recorder.
GEO. A. REICHARD.....	C. of G.
GEO. A. TODD.....	C. of C.
H. KIRKWOOD.....	Steward.
WM. COVE.....	Sentinel.

Total membership, 174.

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

RED WING.

Regular Assembly third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN	T. I. M.
SILAS B. FOOTE	D. I. M.
FRED JOSS	P. C. of W.
LOUIS C. SMITH	Treasurer.
EDWARD J. COMER	Recorder.
WESLEY O. DODGE	C. of G.
FRANK B. HOWE	C. of C.
ABRAM HOWE, JR.	Steward.
RICHARD C. WINNE	Sentinel.

Total membership, 52.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

O. A. BROUGHTON	T. I. M.
A. Z. LEVERING	D. I. M.
C. D. BOYCE	P. C. of W.
H. M. KENT	Treasurer.
OLON ARMSTRONG	Recorder.
R. H. BAKER	C. of G.
A. DALE	C. of C.
FRANK LAHNER	Steward.
MOSES WHITTIER	Sentinel.

Total membership, 56.

DULUTH COUNCIL NO. 6.

DULUTH.

Regular Assembly first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

ALBERT S. CHASE.....	T. . I. . M. .
JOHN H. LAVAQUE.....	D. . I. . M. .
MELVIN J. FORBES.....	P. . C. . of W. .
JOHN R. CAREY.....	Treasurer.
GEORGE N. LAVAQUE.....	Recorder.
WALTER VAN BRANT.....	C. . of G. .
TIMOTHY A. OLMSTED.....	C. . of C. .
JEROME E. COOLEY.....	Steward.
SAMUEL J. THOMPSON.....	Sentinel.

Total membership, 27.

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 7.

AUSTIN.

OFFICERS.

DANIEL B. SMITH.....	T. . I. . M. .
HENRY R. WELLS.....	D. . I. . M. .
EUGENE WOOD.....	P. . C. . of W. .
EDWARD C. DORR.....	Treasurer.
CHARLES H. DAVIDSON.....	Recorder.
AUSTIN FREIDRICK.....	C. . of G. .
JAMES S. ANDERSON.....	C. . of C. .
FRANK D. BEECHER.....	Steward.
A. K. VANDERWARKER.....	Sentinel.

Total membership, 21.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1883.

St Paul, No. 1, Passed the Circle.....	0	Membership ...	46
Minneapolis, No. 2, Passed the Circle.	33	Membership ...	174
Tyran No. 4, Passed the Circle.....	8	Membership ...	52
Adoniram, No. 5, Passed the Circle ..	1	Membership ...	56
Duluth, No. 6, Passed the Circle.....	5	Membership....	27
Austin, No. 7, Passed the Circle.....	4	Membership...	21
Total Membership.....			376
Total passed the Circle.....			51
Total died			2
Total stricken from the roll.....			16
Net gain during the year.....			9

To the Memory

—OF—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION

THOMAS J. PERRY,

Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota,

Near the Grand Council of Georgia,

WHO DIED

September 28, A. D. 1878,

This Page is Respectfully Dedicated

BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

To the Memory

—OF—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION

J. B. CULVER,

Grand Conductor of the Grand Council of Minnesota,

WHO DIED

July 17, A. D. 1883,

This Page is Respectfully Dedicated

BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Roll of the Dead.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

COMPANIONS.							DIED.
GEORGE L. OTIS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1883
J. H. MYERS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1876
J. C. P. ORDWAY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1876
JOHN A. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1877
A. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1878
E. M. STOWER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1880

"Not dead, but sleeping."

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE
OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1870 TO 1883.

Year.	M. I. G. M.*	R. I. D. G. M.*	R. I. G. M.*	G. P. C. W.*	G. Trea.	G. Rec.
1870....	J. C. Terry	Samuel Willey*	A. E. Ames*	E. C. Cross	M. W. Getchell	Wm. S. Combs
1871....	A. E. Ames*	Samuel Willey*	E. C. Cross	Wm. S. Combs	M. W. Getchell	B. F. Wright
1872....	E. C. Cross	J. C. Terry	Wm. S. Combs	D. M. Goodwin	M. W. Getchell	B. F. Wright
1873....	Wm. S. Combs	Charles Shandrew	D. M. Goodwin	Fred Joss	M. W. Getchell	B. F. Wright
1874....	Wm. S. Combs	H. L. Carver	D. M. Goodwin	Fred Joss	M. W. Getchell	B. F. Wright
1875....	Fred Joss	H. L. Carver	G. W. Cooley	Fred Woodbourne	M. W. Getchell	B. F. Wright
1876....	Geo. W. Cooley	Fred Woodbourne	D. M. Baldwin	G. W. Merrill	M. W. Getchell	Theo. Burkhard
1877....	Geo. W. Cooley	G. W. Merrill	Office abolished	Ed. McDermott	M. W. Getchell	Theo. Burkhard
1878....	Geo. W. Cooley	G. W. Merrill .....	.....	Ed. McDermott	Wm. A. Spaulding	Grove B. Cooley
1879....	Geo. W. Cooley	G. W. Merrill .....	.....	Ed. McDermott	Wm. A. Spaulding	Grove B. Cooley
1880....	G. W. Merrill	Grove B. Cooley .....	.....	H. M. Kent	Wm. A. Spaulding	Wm. Cheney
1881....	Grove B. Cooley	C. H. Benton .....	.....	Theodore Burkhard	G. W. Merrill	Wm. Cheney
1882....	Grove B. Cooley	Theodore Burkhard .....	.....	D. M. Baldwin	G. W. Merrill	Wm. Cheney
1883....	Grove B. Cooley	D. M. Baldwin .....	.....	D. B. Smith	G. W. Merrill	Wm. Cheney

*Deceased.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

—ON—

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit their report.

We have received the proceedings of the following Grand Councils, all from which we have been enabled to receive any light :

Alabama	1883	Maryland.....	1882
Arkansas	1882	Massachusetts.....	1882
California	1883	Michigan	1883
Canada	1882	Missouri.....	1883
Connecticut.....	1883	New Hampshire	1883
England and Wales.....	1883	New Jersey.....	1883
Florida.....	1882	New York.....	1882
Georgia	1883	North Carolina.....	1883
Illinois	1882	Rhode Island	1883
Indiana	1882	South Carolina ..	1883
Kansas	1883	Tennessee	1883
Kentucky.....	1882	Vermont.....	1882
Louisiana.....	1883	Vermont.....	1883
Maine	1882	General Grand Council.....	1883

ALABAMA, 1882.

Grand Council assembled in the city of Montgomery, December 6th, 1882. It was the Forty-fifth Annual Assembly. Grand Master WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH was present.

Seven Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief review of his doings during the year. His remarks are good and to the point.

He decided that it is not illegal or unmasonic to confer the Council degrees on Sunday.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$93.00.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Recorder. It is short, concise and good. He excuses himself for its brevity on account of want of funds. He speaks kindly of our proceedings and report.

WILLIAM WALLACE MCCOLLUM, of Selma, is Grand Master, and Companion SAYRE is still Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1882.

The Twentieth Annual Assembly met in the city of Little Rock, on November 25th, 1882. M. P. SAM. W. WILLIAMS, Grand Master.

Five Subordinate Councils were represented.

No address from the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$61.75.

The Grand Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Companion SAM. W. WILLIAMS, Grand Master; Companion L. E. BARBER, Grand Recorder.

No Report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1883.

This Grand Council assembled in San Francisco, April 12th, 1883, Grand Master JOHN WILLIAM ROCK presided.

Eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted an excellent address. We clip his closing:

"The question has been mooted whether it is better for us to take passage on the vessel called the 'I-Am-That-I-Am,' or continue on the 'Alpha and Omega,' the one that has carried the most of us since our birth. I say, by all means do not desert our ship. Stick to her as long as she will float. She will weather the storm and will bring

“us all safely to port. After she arrives, place her on the “Drummond Dock,” give her such overhauling as may be required, fit her ready for sea, and I will venture to say we will have plenty of applicants that will be desirous to embark with us to Joppa. Let us by all means pursue an independent course. We have had experience enough to map out our own chart and steer by it, and employ such skillful pilots as will guide us safely to port. By so doing we will not only have passengers for the coast of Joppa, but also those valiant Knights who are desirous of landing at the Island of Malta. I think I utter the sentiment of this Grand Body when I say that we should present to our cryptic companions who will be with us during the coming Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, a crew of select workmen from our Subordinate Councils that will convince them that we mean business, and that our intentions are to arouse from our slumbers and work diligently and endeavor hereafter to keep pace with the balance of our fellow-workmen.

“Companions, let us one and all put our shoulders to the wheel and assist the officers we select as overseers in our respective Councils, as it is a well-known fact that unless we render them aid it is impossible for them to push forward the work. To have your Council flourish you must attend its meetings, and I would recommend that they be held at least twice a month, if for nothing else than practice and drill and in order to make yourselves proficient and be of assistance to your Illustrious Master. Nothing is more humiliating to your officers than not giving them your assistance and support. It stimulates them to be zealous and watchful, and to have your best interests uppermost in their minds. By doing this you will see a marked change in your Council, the numbers will increase far more than you expect, and your secret vaults will be busy with the sound of the trowel and working implements of the Craft, and your edifice will attain that rank that it is justly entitled to. One of the principal complaints with a number of our companions who have received these degrees is that we do not meet often enough. A few of our Subordinate Councils realizing this fact, called meetings twice a month and found that by so doing the work increased to such an extent that they were compelled to meet oftener. They were astonished themselves at the number of applicants for the degrees when it became known that they were a live body. It has become so now in several of the Councils that as soon as a companion has been exalted in the Chapter he sends in his petition for the Council degrees, which has been the means of causing a number of older members to do likewise. All that have taken them say they are far more beautiful and instructive than they expected, and that the missing link which has lain hidden for a period of over three thousand years is brought to view and the causes fully explained why the treasures were thus deposited by our three Grand Masters, and the precautionary measures they had taken in leaving a clue to be handed down to future generations, with all necessary explanations. The thoughtful and thinking man never fails to be deeply impressed by the sublimity of these degrees.

“In conclusion, companions, allow me to return my sincere thanks to this Grand Council for the honor which it saw fit to confer upon me, when I was seven hundred miles away, by electing me to this exalted position, and to all my companions throughout this jurisdiction

“ whenever I come in contact with them, particularly *California, Stockton,* and *Sacramento* Councils; and to the last named Council for the beautiful and costly Most Puissant Grand Master’s jewel, of which I was the recipient at their hands, as a token of esteem and friendship.

“ I now tender you my emblem of authority, knowing that you will place it in the hands of one who will wield it for the good of the Order, and who will be able to report one year hence that our Cryptic Rite is in a flourishing condition.”

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$548.29.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Companion THOS. H. CASWELL. It covers twenty-two pages in the proceedings, and is a good production.

He gives us about two pages in the proceedings, quotes from our report, and copies from it in regard to England and Wales, Scotland and Malta.

We would be glad to quote some of his cheering sayings, but as the proceedings come late, we have not time.

Comanion DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, of Shosta, was elected Grand Master.

Companion THOMAS H. CASWELL is still Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1882.

In regard to this Grand Council, we borrow from the report on correspondence to the Grand Council of New Hampshire, 1883.

“ The Grand Council of Canada, formerly Ontario, assembled at London, July 15, 1882.

Twelve Councils represented

The Grand Master can see no necessity for, and strongly condemns, the Mississippi plan. He cannot see much for congratulation in his own jurisdiction, some of the Councils being in “ a state of torpor.” He has no fear, however, for the future of the Rite.”

The Grand Council resolved, in future, to discard the Red Cross degree.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Toronto, Grand Master.

DANIEL SPRY, Barrie, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1883.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New Haven, on the 7th day of May, 1883.

Companion DWIGHT WAUGH, M. P. Grand Master, presided.

Twenty Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is a good one, but relates to matters of interest only in that jurisdiction. The following decision was made by him during the year :

" If Council "A" blackballs a candidate and at an early day thereafter surrenders jurisdiction in favor of Council "B" can Council "B" at once act upon his application, and if not, how long must his probation be ?"

In answer, he says :

" In the absence of any by-law of the Grand Council upon the subject, all other points of Masonic law having been complied with, unless Council "B" itself had a by-law fixing the time, it could receive and act upon the application of the candidate immediately."

The Treasury shows a balance of \$268.66.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of that old Masonic veteran, Companion WILLIAM WALLACE LEE.

His opening is emphatically rich. We cannot refrain from copying the whole.

" In coming before you with my report on correspondence, I have to make the old stereotyped complaint that from several jurisdictions I have been unable to obtain a copy of their Proceedings, although I have written to every jurisdiction from which I have no Proceedings, where there is a Grand Council now in existence in this country. The general tone of those I have is more hopeful and cheery than it was a few years since. In many of the addresses of the Grand Masters there is a mixture of Masonry, piety, patriotism, and business, that reminds me of the man who was running for Congress out west. In giving something of his personal history, he said: "Gentlemen, I was born at a very early age. My father died when I was young; I never had any mother; and if it hadn't been for the goodness of God and several other gentlemen, I should have grown up as ignorant as you are."

" I expected that my criticisms about the attempt of some Masons to make capital for the institution out of President Garfield's death would arouse some antagonism and elicit some sharp replies. To my surprise it has been copied and cordially commended by Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio; nor does any other jurisdiction object to it.

" Our action, last year, in adopting the report of Companion TWEEDY and myself, upon the matter of uniting with the General Grand Council, has evoked some sharp criticisms, wherein I am accused of inconsistency in having, as an individual, expressed an opinion in favor of uniting with that body, and as a committee reporting against it. To this I propose to reply farther on in this report. Some of the supporters of the General Grand Council champion it with abundant zeal and in a somewhat pugnacious manner. It is always well to keep cool in discussing matters of difference, for it is sometimes as true in Masonry as it is in religion:

" The truth's worst foe is he who claims
 " To act as God's avenger,
 " And deems, beyond his sentry beat,
 " The crystal walls in danger;
 " Who sets for heresy his traps
 " Of verbal quirk and quibble,
 " And weeds the garden of the Lord
 " With Satan's borrowed dibble."

"Whatever action has been had by us has been after calm thought and deliberation, and in all that has been said by us, or by myself as your representative, there has not been one word used that we need to recall or apologize for. We have managed to keep cool and follow the advice of our first Grand Master, as found in the Book of the Law. Proverbs xvii. 14.

"The principal topic of discussion, and which arouses the greatest ire, is the status of Cryptic Masons in those States where they have merged or consolidated with the Chapters. and whether they are regular or irregular. Well, this question of regularity has bothered a great many people in the history of the human race. It has troubled sects, parties, churches, politicians, and communities. It pestered the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth eighteen hundred years ago, and they went to him with their complaints, but they got small comfort, as any one can see by reading Luke ix. 49-50. It troubled the Pharisees, too, and they cast one poor fellow out because he had been healed of blindness in an irregular way, as told in John ix. I suppose this question of regularity will continue to trouble people until we get things so fixed that every man can have his own way in everything; but long before that time arrives it is safe to say that none of us will trouble the world in which we now live. And now, like the Irish orator, having said so much before I begin, I proceed with my report."

He touches us lightly, but spends most of his ammunition on New York.

In closing, he says:

"Thus I have given you all the information I possess as to the status of Cryptic Masonry at this time. I have made my report much more lengthily than usual, and fancy you will say it is like boarding-house coffee, 'very good for the kind, and plenty of it, unless the kind is better.' For twelve years I have prepared these reports, and with two exceptions—and those caused by my absence—they have been read in your hearing, explained, commented upon, approved, and adopted by you. Whatever merits or demerits they have possessed, I am responsible for. They have been made, as the fond mother said her son made his fiddle, "all out of his own head, and he had wood enough left to make another." I assumed the position with reluctance, for the noise and bustle of factory life is not conducive to calm thought and deliberation. The necessities of daily toil are upon me, and amid the rumbling of machinery, the hissing of steam, the calls in every direction to see that this one is kept at work to advantage, and that some "lunkhead" does not spoil things, one does not learn to round his periods or polish his sentences. I know my own deficiencies as well as any one, and my unfitness for this position. I do not wish to occupy it one moment longer than you desire it or I can be of service to our Fraternity. This I can truthfully say; while I may have seemed at times irreverent, and punctured some venerable windbags or made fun of some Masonic "flapdoodle," I have never knowingly written a word or uttered a sentence the tendency of which was to lower the standard of Masonry in the slightest degree.

"I think our Brotherhood a grand institution, every tenet and teaching of which tends to inculcate a lofty manhood, and have rejoiced, and rejoice again, that in my early manhood my steps were turned

"towards the tyled door. I have found within its precincts grand and true men, and think I have been made better in every sense by such associations. I think the man who can pass from the checkered floor through all our gradations, until he has reached the ninth Arch, and not felt the manhood stirred within him, if he has not learned some new lessons of faith in God and fellow-men, has not resolved to live more nobly and manly than ever before, has spent his time for nought. He might better join a base-ball club or go on a fishing excursion. More than a score of years have passed since I became a member of this Grand Council, and I find myself pushed to the front as one of its older members.

"A few weeks since I saw in the daily papers that one of the older members of this body, whom we all loved, had been summoned from the scenes of earth, and henceforth he whom we knew as the embodiment of zeal, modesty, integrity, and steadfastness, OLIVER P. JACOBS, becomes only a thing of memory.

"And shall we greet in other spheres,
"The names that pleased our mortal ears?"

"The man of Uz, more than forty centuries ago, asked the question, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' I think this question is many times repeated by those who, like myself, have passed the hill-top in life's journey; whose steps are towards the setting sun. Shall we know each other there? Shall the friendships, so rudely severed here, be renewed in that mysterious realm, of which we talk so much and know so little?

"Thus we walk amid the darkness, hungering, thirsting for the light,
"Though thesages tell us plainly, nevermore shall end the night;
"That the soul goes sweeping downward, on this plane of mortal breath,
"Till, at last, it plunges madly in the deep abyss of death.

"Far above the clouds and darkness, lo, the azure depths expand,
"Till we stand in conscious self-hood, close upon that border land.
"Where the pulse of the Eternal throbs upon the pregnant air,
"And we hear the sounding anthems that forever echo there.

"What am I? again I question; clod of earth or spark divine?
"Death, art thou indeed my master, and, at last, shall I be thine?
"Hark! from o'er the mystic border, I am God! thus answers he;
"I, the life! ye are my children; I in you and you in me!

"Thus I walk amid the darkness, yet by faith I boldly tread,
"Fearing nothing, asking nothing, so that I am safely led;
"Thou the life, O loving father! I cling to thee alone.
"And I'll trust death's lifting shadows to reveal the great unknown."

Companion BURTON G. BRYAN, of Waterbury, was elected M. P. G. Master, and Companion JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1883.

We have but very little light from this Grand Council.

From the information received we are able to report progress and continued prosperity.

No proceedings have as yet been printed.

Companion, The Rev. G. R. PORTAL, is still Most Puissant Grand Master, and Companion D. M. DEWAR, 8 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, W. C., is still Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA, 1882.

Companion CARLOVITZ writes in regard to this Grand Council. He says :

"Alas ! I fear Florida will be left out in the cold unless we get some of the live and enterprising Companions to settle among us. Death has thinned our ranks and no additions have been made, and what is left, though alive, has a burden to bear too large for its numbers."

"The Proceedings for 1882 is now in process of being printed by Bro. AUSTIN A. CORSILL, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and will be out soon. He prints them on his own account. Those for 1883 will not be printed for want of funds. We are poor, very poor, but not dead! What the future will have in store for us, depends upon the improvement of the country around us."

Companion CARLOVITZ did not tell who is the present Grand Master. He is still Grand Recorder.

O, don't you be discouraged, John,
Don't never loose your "grip;"
Still hope and pray and labor on—
Keep stiff your "upper lip "

Time soon will level down, John,
The mountains in your way ;
Then hope and pray and labor on,
Look for the better day.

Say not you must succumb, John,
Yield not to such a fate,
For they may also serve, John,
"Who only stand and wait."

The time is not far distant, John,
When your labors will be blest,
You'll hear the Great Grand Master say
"Come thou into my rest."

GEORGIA, 1883.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in the city of Atlanta, April 25, 1883.

Most Illustrious G. F. LEWIS, Grand Master, presided.

Nine Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address says that "Apathy pervades the entire jurisdiction," and thinks it may be traced to the so called "Mississippi Plan." He says :

"While it is true, we did not go into the plan, yet it had its following among us, and that following was of influence sufficient to shake us from center to circumference, inflicting upon us more injury, perhaps,

than was experienced by most of our sister jurisdictions, and the tardiness of our recovery from its effects may be owing to the fact that some of its *seed* still linger with us. Yet, I am not without hopes, the cloud that has been over and about us for so long, and even now darkens our horizon, will, I feel confident, in the near future, be *ripened*, and the sunshine of prosperity again illumine our pathway, if we be but true to ourselves, *few as we are*, and move forward, shoulder to shoulder, in the work before us; and to this end I would recommend that action be taken at this Grand Convocation that will reach the cases of our dormant Councils, thereby enabling them to *right up*, resume work, and their places again on the role of this Grand Council."

The following question was propounded to him :

"Question. Can *one* who has received the degrees of R. . M. . S. . M. . of 27, as conferred in a Chapter of R. . A. . Masons, be recognized by companions of a Regular Council ?"

"Answer. No. Such are irregular, and must by a Regular Council be formally healed before they can be."

A memorial page in the proceedings is set apart to the memory of Past Grand Master, WILLIAM TRACY GOULD and Past Deputy Grand Master, JASON BURR.

Companion C. F. LEWIS was re-elected M. . Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion A. M. WOLIHIN, of Albany was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No report on correspondence. The Grand Master acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, including Minnesota for 1882.

ILLINOIS, 1882.

We receive tidings from this Grand Council in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1882.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Chicago, October 25, 1882.

Companion JOHN O'NEILL, Grand Master, presided.

Twenty-two Councils represented.

The Grand Chapter surrendered all trusts of the degrees to the Grand Council.

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That all Chapter Councils that have conferred the degrees "upon any companions, be requested to certify over the seal of the "Chapter the fact of the companion having received the Royal and Select "Master's degrees in such Council, and such certificates shall be considered equivalent to a demit, and be so accepted by all Councils of this "Grand Jurisdiction."

So the broken triangle is mended.

Good for Illinois.

Companion JOHN O'NEILL, of Chicago, was elected Grand Master ;
Companion GILL. W. BARNHARD, was elected Grand Recorder.

We cannot say of Illinois what we have said before,
Although she "Mississippi;" her flirting days are o'er;
Tho' she went out with sixty-four, all gallant, brave and true,
She now returns into the fold with only twenty-two.

But let the dead past bury up its own untimely dead.
We say forget, we say forgive, of all that we have said.
All hearts are right, and Illinois has never thought to do,
That only which she sure believed to be *just, right and true*.

Go on! go on! may God be pleased to bless your stock and store,
And blessings give the same He gave to Jacob old, of yore;
For you have wrestled long and well the victory to win:
Oh! let the door be opened wide to let the faithful in.

INDIANA, 1882.

Grand Council was held at Indianapolis, October 17th and 18th,
A. D., 1882. It was the 27th Annual Convocation.

Grand Master PERRY W. GARD, presided.

Thirty-five out of thirty-eight Subordinate Councils, represented.

The Grand Master submitted his Annual Address, which is a review
of his official doings during the year, and shows active and efficient
labor. In opening he says, among other things:

"Our number is still complete. At the roll call of this grand body,
"every member responds to his name; none of our number has been
"called during the past year to join the innumerable caravan who have
"gone before. But these milestones in our journey are being passed so
"rapidly, we are all reminded that the end is nigh, and the time of our
"labor drawing to a close; that we will soon be called on to repair to our
"several stations to rest in peace."

He rendered the following decision which can be but correct:

"Question. Is a companion who has never been elected Deputy
"Illustrious Master or Principal Conductor of the work, eligible to the
"office of Illustrious Master?"

"Answer. Yes. In the absence of any constitutional rule or by-
"law to prevent it, I know of no reason why any Companion in good
"standing is not eligible to any office in his Council."

The Grand Treasury showed a balance, October 16th, of \$982.68.

A Companion submitted the following question:

"If a Companion is expelled from his Lodge as a Master Mason,
"and the penalty affects his standing in his Council to the extent
"of expulsion, what is his standing in his Council, if the Lodge which
"expelled him, restores him to the condition of a non-affiliated Mason?"

The Grand Council decided that the Companion stands expelled from the Council until the Council, by its own act, shall remove that disability. We think that good Masonic Law.

Total membership, August 31, 1882, was 1,475.

There were 22 deaths during the year.

The Annual Cryptic Review was prepared and presented by that prince of reporters, Companion W. W. AUSTIN.

He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1881, being by him fraternally considered.

He refers to Grand Master MERRILL'S Annual Address, and quotes from it very fully that portion relating to the death of the late Companion ALBERT G. MACKEY.

He speaks kindly of us and quotes two verses from our "summed up" of that year.

Companion ALBERT HAYWOOD, of Vincennes, was elected Grand Master; Companion JOHN M. BRAMWELL, was as a matter of course, re-elected Grand Recorder; Companion WILLIAM W. AUSTIN is still retained as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

KANSAS, 1883.

We hear from this Grand Council by means of a letter from Companion JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Recorder.

He says no business was transacted touching the interest of the Cryptic Rite outside of that jurisdiction.

No proceedings to be printed until after the close of the Annual Assembly, February, 1884.

Companion ROBERT E. FARRINGTON, of Emporia, is Grand Master, and Companion JOHN H. BROWN, of Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1882.

The Grand Council of Kentucky met in called communication at the city of Louisville, November 21, 1882, Companion CHARLES ERSKINE DUNN, D.°.G.°.M.°. acting as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

The M.°.E.°.G.°. High Priest duly and formally resigned jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, into the hands of the officers and members composing the last Grand Council of such, which met in the city of Louisville, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1878.

The trust was duly and considerably received by the officers of the Grand Council.

The following preamble and resolutions was adopted ;

" *Whereas*, This Grand Council, having exclusive jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Kentucky, and the inalienable right, within said State, to constitute Councils, commission any body of men, being also Royal and Select Masters to convene Councils and confer said degrees, and to revoke such authority.

" In the exercise of its rights, prerogatives and supreme authority, this Grand Council did, on October 23d, 1878, authorize and empower the Grand R. A. Chapter of Kentucky to supervise the conference of said degrees, by its Subordinates, in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, whose records, etc., were to be kept separate and distinct from those of the Chapters.

" The Grand R. A. Chapter, though its presiding officer now, in conformity with instructions it gave him, having formally tendered back the trust confided to it, with the jurisdiction and supervision over property and interest in said degrees of Royal and Select Masters ; Therefore,

" 1. *Resolved*, That the proposed surrender of the trust, jurisdiction, supervision, property and interest aforesaid, now made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Kentucky, be received and accepted, and the authority heretofore granted said Grand Chapter and its Subordinates, herein before referred to, be hereby annulled, canceled, and no longer in force.

" 2. *Resolved*, That all Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Kentucky be requested, hereby, to resume labor, and are required to report without delay, to the Grand Recorder, a full and complete list of their officers and members, and annually, in October, to make returns etc., according to the laws of this Grand Council and the instructions of its Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

" 3. *Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended, that until February 1st, 1883, Subordinate Councils may confer the degrees upon Companions who have, prior to this date, been elected by Chapters in Kentucky to receive them, for a sum not less than one dollar. *Provided*, such Companions petition and are regularly elected as in other cases."

The Grand Council passed a resolution to the effect that all Royal and Select Master made in Councils, while in the Chapter "Bosom," be declared to be non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters.

The Grand Council also passed a resolution authorizing the Subordinate Councils to confer the degree of S. E. M. as an *honorary degree*.

Immediately after the Grand Assembly, the M. E. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was pleased to issue the following circular, to wit :

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF KY., {
 "MT. STERLING, November 25, 1882. }

" *To the Most Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the
 "Subordinate Chapters of Kentucky:*

" COMPANIONS -- Notice is hereby given, that the Grand Council of
 " Kentucky has resumed jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and
 " Select Masters.

" You will therefore refrain from conferring or communicating the
 " said degrees, and hold all paraphernalia, books, papers and property
 " which may have been placed in your hands by Subordinate Councils,
 " subject to the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

" The Grand Council by resolution declared the status of members
 " of Subordinate Chapters who received the Council degrees while the
 " same were under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to be that of
 " non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters. I earnestly urge all such to
 " immediately affiliate with the nearest Subordinate Council, and I exhort
 " them and the Subordinate Chapters to do all in their power to
 " strengthen and maintain the Subordinate Councils, and preserve the
 " beautiful Cryptic Rite.

" Witness my hand and seal of the Grand Chapter, this 25th day of
 " November, 1882.

[SEAL.]

H. R. FRENCH,
Grand High Priest.

" ATTEST :

" JOSEPH H. BRANHAM,
Grand Secretary."

Companion CHARLES ERSKINE DUNN was elected Grand Master.
 Companion LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, of Covington, was elected Grand
 Recorder.

Kentucky resumes labor in the S. V. V. under the wings of the Grand
 Council. Companion JAMES W. STATON, our old friend and monitor as
 to Kentucky, reminds us that it is doubtful as to whether the Grand
 Council of Kentucky will become a part of the General Grand Council.

Now we don't care a cent whether it does or not. We are satisfied
 to see the Council degrees in Kentucky returned to their own nest, and
 if hatched at all let them be hatched there, and not be crowded into
 another nest which is now too small to hold its own.

Let each mother bird look after its own young.

We are not *individually* in favor of these General Grand Bodies. In
 truth we believe the actual injury they do far surpasses the good results
 that follow. While we mean to be loyal and filial and truly devoted to
 the best interests of the Royal Art, and to our superiors, we cannot see any
 good to follow from so much dress parade, "fuss and feathers" show,
 gaudy trappings, *muchee marchee*, *muchee foolee*, *muchee eattee*, *muchee
 drinkee*, as is seen in some of our General Grand performances. The
 principles *alle rightee*, but the practice nothing good *alle samee*.

But then we don't desire to find fault. We were once a boy and went to general training, and bought our shilling's worth of ginger-bread and honey, and had our fun with the rest of the boys. We had our day—let the boys have theirs—who cares for the expense.

When others live to have their fun, and Templars like to drill,
And put their spurs and feathers on, and fix them up to "kill;"
Then we would fall into the rear, all weather-beat and sore,
And strive, if possible, to find some half unopened door.

When we begin to look upon the downward march of life,
When we begin to turn aside from turmoil and from strife,
When we begin to realize our toils will soon be o'er,
'Tis then we think who left ajar that half unopened door.

When struggle, struggle, is our lot, to us comes no relief,
When tired nature tells us here our sojourn must be brief
Whether of wealth we have our fill, or whether we be poor,
Still wonder we who left ajar that half unopened door.

When joys are flown and grief and pain would seem to be our lot,
When memory backward beckons us to scenes we had forgot,
When much we count as folly now, we counted wise before,
Oh, fool! we think, who left ajar that half unopened door.

And when the "summing up" shall come, the final trump shall blow,
When we are called to render up our stewardship below,
When from the Master we receive our wages due and more,
Then praise to Him who left ajar that half unopened door.

LOUISIANA, 1883.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New Orleans, February 15th, 1883.

Companion ALFRED SHAW, M. I. G. M., was present and presided.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is simply a review of his official acts during his term.

He reports the death of three prominent Masons in that State, to the memory of whom a suitable memorial page is set apart in the proceedings.

Treasury shows a balance of \$11.73. The Finance Committee report a deficiency in Treasury of \$55.77.

A resolution was adopted assessing a *per capita* tax of one dollar on each member of that Jurisdiction. That has the right tingle to it and is just as it should be. If Minnesota had not moved in the same way in 1876, the Grand Council would not be known to-day.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion GEO. J. PINCKARD, P. M. I. G. M. of that State, and it is a good one, too.

He received and reviewed the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, our own for some reason not among the number. How is that, Companion LAMBERT? I mailed you three copies of our proceedings for 1882 about the 1st of November. If you did not get them we will send duplicates.

Under the head of Vermont, in referring to the remarks of Companion AUSTIN in his review of Grand Master WOODWARD's tribute to the antiquity of Masonry, he says :

" Now this will never do! We enter our solemn protest. We insist upon sustaining Grand Master WOODWARD. We will never recede one single antediluvian inch from Adam. Give an inch, and how long until we are called upon for another? and another, and still again, until the possibilities of the era of—17 are reached? Everybody knows the institution goes back to Adam. Do we not date *Anno Lucis*—Year of Light? And *there was light*, even before *there was Adam*.

" Why, AUSTIN, you miserable iconoclast, you; to go no further back than Solomon! Why, you might just as well *nae gae back at a'*; *wad ye hae foxes wi' nae tails at a'?*"

We can hardly refrain from quoting extensively from Companion PINCKARD's Report; but there must be an end somewhere. We, however, will give his conclusion in full :

" CONCLUSION.

" Nowe prai we for ye Kriptic Rite
 " That it mai happy bee;
 " God grant ye strife mai right soone ende
 " In peace and harmonie.

" During the session of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Companion HONOR, Chairmain of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of the Grand Chapter, and a member of this Committee, stated in Grand Chapter: He had asked two or three prominent members how they liked the report on correspondence he had written the previous year. To his astonishment they replied they had never read it; he concludes that a report on correspondence is of little value, except as a vehicle for conveying the thoughts and hopes, the feelings and aspirations of the writer, to the jurisdictions beyond. We were much struck with his remarks at the time, but have amply confirmed them since by asking the same question; not one we have asked has read his report. Hence we are assured of the pleasing certainty that what we have written will not have to run a very severe gauntlet, so far as Louisiana criticism is concerned.

" We feel that if we can only make peace with the auditing committee, we are all right.

" To the readers beyond our own jurisdiction, however, we wish to say, if we have spoken, as possibly, somewhat harshly of any of our companions in the discussion of the topics that have come under consideration, we desire to make the *amende honorable*. It is known we are committed to the cause of the ANTI-MERGERS, and the mergers who are handicapped with the dead weight of Cryptic opinion, so determinedly opposed to them, have our sympathies in the Herculean task

“ they have before them. We only wish a tithe of the energy they display had been directed in the legitimate channel. We feel certain that the Rite would, under these circumstances, be in a flourishing condition to-day. They deserve success; but success can never permanently inure to doctrines founded on false principles. We allude to the doctrine of certain parts or portions of the Rite taking action affecting the whole body of the Rite, without the sanction of the Body as a whole.

“ We hope in due season to have the pleasure of welcoming them back to the legitimate fold. To the great body of Cryptics we offer our congratulations; the unity we have already attained and the promises of the future repay us a thousand-fold for the anxiety we have all individually felt. Our work, however, like the work of Him of old, is not yet completed, although we labor faithfully to execute it.

“ To all who may peruse our report we would say, it has been written hurriedly and under somewhat adverse circumstances; we have not had time to overhaul it; first impressions are usually somewhat crude, and doubtless if we were to go over it there is much that would come out. Such as it is, however, we present it, and ask the “corps reportorial” to criticise us gently. We assume, as Chairman of the Committee, all responsibility.

“ GEO. J. PINCKARD,
“ For the Committee.”

“ SUMMED UP.

“ To the Most Illustrious GROVE B. COOLEY, Grand Master of Royal
“ and Select Master Masons of the State of Minnesota; the fires

“ of whose poetic genius have shed a halo of imperishable

“ lustre on the Cryptic Rite, this doggerel is

“ respectfully and fraternally dedicated.

“ Now we've come to our closing page.

“ Our task is finished here,

“ We would we were inspired with

“ More thrilling words of cheer.

“ We've done, howe'er, the best we could,

“ But feel, that best is small,

“ Be lenient to our first attempt,

“ Kind readers, one and all.

“ We've passed around from State to State,

“ Have taken in the fight,

“ And anxiously we've often asked,

“ Watchman! what of the night?

“ At length the watchman's answer comes,

“ *The Orient dawns again!*

“ And *Alabama's* song of joy,

“ Reverberates, through *Maine*.

“ From *Massachusetts'* granite coast,

“ To *Kansas'* boundless plain,

“ From *Louisiana's* marshy swamps

“ The anthem swells again;

“ The *Land of Flowers*, we love so well,

“ Re-echoes back the strain.

“ The *Golden State*, its influence feels

“ And rolls it back to *Maine*.

" Proud *Carolina's* southern shores,
 " Greet *Maryland*, the fair,
 " *New Hampshire* rocks catch up the notes,
 " And warble back the air.
 " *Missouri* hears the anthem swell,
 " And joins the sweet refrain,
 " And *Minnesota* sings the song.
 " Erst trumpeted in *Maine*.

 " *New York*, the valiant, bold and free,
 " First leader of the band,
 " Whose silver trumpet's blast is heard
 " Through all this mighty land;
 " Adown in *Pennsylvanian* groves
 " Is heard its thrilling strain,
 " In answering notes, their song combined,
 " Is heard away in *Maine*.

 " The vales and hills of *Tennessee*,
 " Send up this swelling shout,
 " Glad tidings from our Sister, boys,
 " *Kentuck's* no longer out.
 " *Arkansas'* heart responsive beats.
 " She takes her place again,
 " The thundering racket roars so loud,
 " 'Tis heard away in *Maine*.

 " *Ohio* warbles forth the tune,
 " And blends her sweetest lay,
 " And *Indiana* hails the dawn,
 " Of the returning day;
 " It bursts on mountainous *Vermont*,
 " On *Georgia's* wide domain,
 " It sings its song in *Michigan*,
 " As in its birth-place, *Maine*.

 " And *Mississippi* hears the din,
 " Though long in darkness lain,
 " As yet she will not—yet she will
 " In time, come back again,
 " While each Companion in the land,
 " Who loves the Rite, would fain
 " Send up their greetings to the man
 " Who dwells away in *Maine*.

FINALE.

" And when at last the end shall come,
 " As come, we know, it must,
 " When every Brother, long laid low,
 " Has risen from the dust,
 " When Time, his final course has run,
 " And seasons passed away,
 " And every Brother, long laid low,
 " Has risen from the clay;

 " And when the Seventh Angel swears,
 " Time shall no longer be,
 " And every Brother, lost therein,
 " Has risen from the sea;
 " When the Destroying Angel flies
 " O'er mountain, plain and flood—
 " With lightning strikes the land, and turns
 " The waters into blood;

 " When the Archangel's trumpet sounds
 " O'er mountain, flood and plain;
 " When the destroying Angel's bound,
 " And ended is his reign,
 " May each triumphant over Death,
 " The greeting hear: 'Well done,'
 " Step up, thou good and faithful child!
 " Step up, and see the fun!"

Now that is good, *par excellence*. Now you have got your hand in, Companion PINCKARD, keep on.

Companion ALFRED SHAW was re-elected Grand Master.

Companion RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1882.

Grand Council Assembled at Portland, May 3d, 1882.

Present, ARLINGTON B. MARSTON, M. I. Grand Master and representatives of eight Subordinate Councils, and other Illustrious Companions.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, reviewing his official acts during the year. He says :

“ For Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, the year has been one of “ unbroken quiet ; not a single question has been submitted to me during “ the year.”

The Grand Master feelingly refers to the decease of two veterans in Masonry in that jurisdiction, during the year, WARREN PHILLIPS, who died April 5th, 1882, aged 68 years, and WILLIAM O. POOR, who died September 27, 1881, aged 72 years.

Appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings in honor of the deceased Companions.

Cash in treasury \$189.29 ; membership, 882 ; gains during the year, 14.

Companion JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND submitted the report on foreign correspondence, covering twelve pages in the proceedings. He briefly reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Minnesota for 1881 among the number.

He gives a complete history of the action of the several Grand Councils, in regard to the relation of those who receive the degrees in Chapter or in “ Councils appurtenant to Chapters.”

We consider his historical statement of such importance that we quote it in full :

“ DEGREES CONFERRED IN CHAPTERS NOT RECOGNIZED.

“ Some discussion has arisen in reference to the position taken by the “ General Grand Council in relation to those who receive the degrees in “ Chapters or in “ Councils appurtenant to Chapters.” It seems to be “ understood that the declaration, that no Companions can be recognized “ as Royal and Select Masters who have not received the degrees in a “ regular Council, was first adopted by the General Grand Council, and “ that previously to its organization, Companions receiving the degrees “ in Chapters were quite generally recognized ; and that this was done “ in view of the adoption, in some jurisdictions, of the “ Mississippi “ Plan.”

“ The statement that up to the time of the attempt in Mississippi to transfer the degrees to the Chapters, those receiving the degrees in Chapters were not recognized, has been challenged as incorrect. We propose, therefore, to examine the grounds upon which that statement was based.

“ In the Convention in New York, in 1872, the following resolution was introduced :

“ *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Cryptic degrees should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and that no one should be recognized as a regular Companion of the Rite, who has not received the degrees under such jurisdiction.”

“ It was quite fully discussed, as there were some then present who had received the degrees under the authority of the Supreme Council of the A. . and A. . Rite, or in Councils chartered by such authority.

“ The resolution was then referred to a special committee, who reported a new draft thereof the next day, which, after full discussion, was unanimously adopted in the following terms :

“ *Whereas*, In some jurisdictions the question has been mooted of surrendering the degrees to the Chapters, and

“ *Whereas*, There are many Companions, who have received the degrees in Chapters or from Sovereign Inspectors of the A. . and A. . Rite, therefore,

“ *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Cryptic degrees should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of Grand Council and that no one should be recognized as a Companion of this Rite who has not received the degrees in a lawfully constituted Council or by authority of the Supreme Council of the A. . and A. . Rite previous to this date, or been lawfully healed.”

“ The Grand Councils of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Wisconsin, fourteen in all, were represented in that Convention by duly accredited delegates. The Council in the District of Columbia was also represented. Companions from Maryland, Ohio, and South Carolina were present and participated in the discussion.

“ As the Convention did not complete its work, it adjourned for a year. Its proceedings were published and distributed to all the Grand Councils. On its re-assembling in 1873, the Grand Councils of Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, which were not represented the year before, were found to have delegates present ; the action of the Convention the year before was well known, and, so far as the matter now under consideration is concerned, was universally acquiesced in.

“ While the resolution thus unanimously adopted by the Convention expressed the views of the delegates of twenty-one Grand Councils, it of course was not binding on Grand Councils, except so far as they acquiesced in it. We, therefore, have examined the Proceedings of the various Grand Councils to ascertain in what manner they received the resolution.

“ The Grand Master of Alabama, who was a member of the Convention, in his report of its action, lays special stress upon this resolution, saying, “ This is an important step, and one which I trust all the jurisdictions will adopt and rigidly enforce.” The Grand Council, in general terms, endorsed his views.

“ The Grand Council of Arkansas seem not to have received the Proceedings of the Conventions, and no report was made thereon.

"The Grand Council of California did not receive the Proceedings, but the question was brought directly before it in 1874, by the petition of a Companion from Maryland, who had received the degrees in a Chapter, to be allowed to visit the Grand Council. It was referred to a special committee, which reported in favor of recognizing and admitting him, but the Grand Council refused to accept the report, and adopted a resolution, that "No Companion, who has received his degrees in any Body except such legal Council, can visit any Council in this jurisdiction until he shall have been formally healed."

"The Proceedings were reported to the Grand Council of Connecticut and were reported upon by a committee, who said they did not concur in all the action of the Conventions, and specify one subject, but are silent as to this; the inference is that upon this they concurred.

"The Resolution was reported to the Grand Council of Illinois by the Committee on Correspondence, but no action was taken upon it, and no opinion expressed, save that the committee say that the "unanimous action of the Convention seems to have settled the question forever."

"When the Grand Council of Illinois was formed (September 30, 1853), its first act, after electing Grand Officers, was the adoption of the following Resolution :

"Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons now in waiting, who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters under the authority of Chapters, or who may have sat in such Councils, be introduced and healed."

"And four Companions (as the record states) 'were introduced and healed.' "

"We do not find that this resolution was ever presented to the Grand Council of Indiana; but its representative, in 1873, was fully aware of it, and while in his report he dissents from much of the action of the Conventions, he does not mention this, and it is, therefore, quite certain that he concurred in it.

"The Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of Iowa (Companion LANGRIDGE) reported the action of the Convention, including this resolution, with his approval; but no action was taken thereon.

"The Grand Council of Kansas, in 1872, decided that a Companion who had received the degrees in a Chapter "was not a Royal and Select Master, not having passed the circle in due form."

"The Committee on Correspondence of Kentucky reported the resolution adopted by the Convention, without dissent or question.

"The Grand Council of Louisiana, as early as 1867, forbade her Subordinates recognizing Companions who had received their degrees in the Chapters, having special reference to Texas.

"The action of the Convention was endorsed by the Grand Council of Maine.

"The Grand Council of Maryland was not formed till 1874, but the Grand Chapter, at its next session after the Convention of 1872, forbade its Subordinates conferring the Council degrees.

"The Grand Councils of Massachusetts and Michigan, when the report was made to them, assumed that the resolution was already the law of those jurisdictions.

"In the Grand Council of Mississippi, a proposition had been made to turn the degrees over to the Chapter; on receipt of the Proceedings of the Convention of 1872, this proposition was rejected and the Grand

"Council voted to be represented in the Convention of 1873. She was most ably represented by Companion P. M. SAVERY, and as no objection was made to the resolution in question in the Grand Council, or in the Convention, by her representative, we are justified in assuming that she acquiesced in it.

"The Grand Councils of Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Ohio endorsed the action of the Convention in general terms.

"The Grand Council of Pennsylvania had already decided that Chapter-made R. and S. Masters could not be recognized.

"Referring to the Convention resolution, the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of North Carolina, say, 'This action accords with the practice of this Grand Council ever since its organization.'

"Apparently, the subject was never presented to the Grand Council of Rhode Island.

"The Grand Council of South Carolina endorsed the action of Companion MACKEY in representing it, and generally the action of the Convention, and made special provision for representation in 1873.

"The Grand Council of Tennessee was represented in both Conventions, and heartily endorsed their proceedings.

"The Committee on Correspondence for the Grand Council of Vermont copied the resolution in his report, but without comment.

"The Grand Council of Wisconsin was represented in the Convention of 1872, by Companion W. C. SWAIN, who was present when the resolution was adopted and voted for it; he reported the action of the Convention in full, and his report was 'received and adopted,' and published in full in the proceedings.

"The Grand Councils of Florida and New Brunswick were dormant at the time the Convention met; that of Georgia has not published its proceedings of 1873; while those of Minnesota, Nebraska and Ontario had just been formed, and were not called upon to take any action in relation thereto.

"The result of this examination is that the resolution was unanimously adopted by a National Convention, in which fourteen Grand Councils were represented by duly accredited delegates, and two others by Companions admitted to participate in its action; that it was allowed to stand without objection by a National Convention in the following year, in which seven additional Grand Councils were represented; that it was published and sent to all the existing Grand Councils; that it was formally approved by very many of them, and that no Grand Council or Companion, throughout the country objected to it or dissented from it, so far as the published proceedings show.

"More than that, a careful examination of the proceedings of all the Grand Councils, from 1872 to a time subsequent to the "merger" in Mississippi, fails to show a decision by any Grand Council or Grand Master in opposition to the resolution adopted by the Convention.

"The General Grand Council, in promulgating this doctrine, was merely announcing the law as already settled; and we must repeat the language of our former report, and call upon those challenging its correctness to point out any instance in which, since 1872, a Grand Council or Grand Master has recognized as a regular Royal and Select Master a Companion who received those degrees in a Chapter."

Companion ARLINGTON B. MARSTON, of Bangor, was re-elected Grand Master; Companion IRA BERRY, of Portland, for the twenty-ninth time, is Grand Recorder; Companion JOHN S. DERBY, of Saco, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND.

The proceedings of this Grand Council for 1882 not to be printed.
The Grand Council met at the city of Baltimore, November 19th, 1882.

They had a good meeting, in fact one of the best, but business being only local and funds short, the Grand Master determined not to publish. So writes the Grand Recorder.

HENRY C. LARRABEE, of Baltimore, Grand Master.

GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1882.

The Annual Assembly was held in the city of Boston, on the 13th day of December, 1882.

Companion JOHN HAIGH, Grand Master, presided.

Fifteen Councils represented.

The address is only of local import. In conclusion he says:

"In conclusion, I am happy to say that the general outlook for Cryptic Masonry in the United States is brighter than it has been for many years; and it gives me pleasure to state that the Cryptic Rite is advancing, and its foundations are becoming more and more secure."

The Grand Council voted the sum of \$100, to defray his expenses in attending the General Grand Council.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$372.49.

Companion JOHN HAIGH, of Somerville, is Grand Master, and Companion ALFRED F. CHAPMAN is Grand Recorder.

No Report on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1883.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Detroit, commencing January 15th, 1883.

M. H. W. M. G. HUDSON, Grand Master, presided.

Forty-one Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a business document, showing much labor and exertion on his part in the Cryptic cause in that state.

His official work was quite extensive. He arrested the Charters of five Councils during the year for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand \$325.85.

The Grand Council decided that the *visited* should entertain the *visitor*.

That will do very well when the visited is rich and the visitor poor.

The following communication was received and submitted by the Grand Recorder, and was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

"EAST SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, December 4, 1882.

"To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State
"of Michigan :

"At a regular convocation of Saginaw Council, No. 20, R. and S. M., held in Masonic Hall, Monday evening, December 4, the following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the T. I. Master of this Council be and he is hereby instructed to call the attention of the Grand Council to the feasibility of abandoning the Grand Council, and taking such action as will authorize the conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master by the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

[SEAL.]

GEO. B. GAGE,
Recorder."

The Committee made the following report, which was adopted :

"To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State
"of Michigan :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from Saginaw Council, No. 20, most respectfully report :

"That the question submitted was fully settled by this Grand Council at the Annual Assembly held January, 1879, which is as follows (see Proceedings of 1879, page 35) :

"Resolved, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the merging of the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, and declare that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of the Cryptic Degrees, in their purity and sublimity, wherever such a plan is adopted.

"Resolved, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of any Grand Chapter, and will hold any Companion who receives the Cryptic Degrees under such authority, as clandestinely made; and as such cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Resolved, That Subordinate Councils are hereby interdicted from receiving or holding any Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Royal and Select Masters. All of which is respectfully submitted."

The Grand Master in his address referred to the decease of Companion WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, who, as he says, has stood at the door of the secret vault for the last seventeen years. He died at Detroit, April 25th, 1882, at the ripe age of sixty-seven years.

The Committee on Obituary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the death of Companion GRIFFITH, submitted an excellent report. We must quote from it :

"It matters not to what post of duty one may be called as a Mason or as a man, he alone is worthy of the highest meed of praise who is faithful even in that which is least; and herein lies the test of true

"worth whether one occupy the highest or lowliest position in the gift of his fellow-man.

"We have put him to the trial, to the proof; we have put his patience to the test, and we have found him noble, found that he failed not in the harder struggle, failed not in the greater trial. There is many a life made beautiful and noble by the sacrifice of self and self-restraint, whose pleasure is to serve, be that service only to stand and wait. Such lives may fail of the halo of glory which artists paint around the head of the saint, yet who will say that, in their ambition to serve, their lives were not complete. No blast of trumpet nor rustling of banners herald the presence of those silent protectors of man's dearest interests; no historian may record their service of watching for the highest good of man; but who will say that their deeds are not recorded in the enduring memories of those whose lives their silent service has blessed.

"Our Companion, whom we deplore, was a man of iron nerve. a man ever to the occasion true; but his long life of silent watching and faithful service is over. No more as Tyler and watchful Sentinel will he greet his brethren with the challenge, and bend with listening ear to catch the answering word; but to each one of us to whom his challenge has so often come, will his faithful life ever be a challenge to be possessed of those higher virtues and nobler principles of manhood by which alone we shall be able to give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required of us by the Grand Sentinel above; by which alone we shall gain an entrance to that Grand Council where the only test of admission is such a life as our departed Companion lived; a life of faithful service for the good of human kind; where the magic word, before which every door flings open wide, is the motto of our brother's life, 'I serve.'"

A beautiful memorial page in the proceedings is set apart to his memory.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by the Grand Recorder, GARRA B. NOBLE. He reviews in his usual pleasing manner the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils; our own receiving favorable mention.

His report is good from the first to the last.

He gives us a hit on what we said last year in regard to the P. G. Master's Jewel mania in Michigan, and thinks it rather Cool—ey. Well, we did not get any jewel. We ain't to blame. GEORGE got the jewel. He gets all the good things. Companion NOBLE even credits GEORGE as being Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Council of Minnesota, an honor for which we were feeling somewhat proud, as having received a commission from the Grand Council of Michigan. That awful printer has "slopped over" again.

He quotes from our reports as to the Grand Councils of England, Wales, Scotland, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. Thank you for the compliment, Companion NOBLE.

His conclusion is concise and pointed. We give it in full.

“ COMPANIONS--In concluding this, our report, we have endeavored “ to give you a summary sufficient to show the interest taken in Cryptic “ Masonry throughout the world. We believe that the organization of “ the General Grand Council has placed Cryptic Masonry upon as firm a “ foundation as that of Capitular and Templar. Many of the Grand “ Councils had become languid, whose Sentinels were sleeping, have “ aroused and re-organized; thrown off their lethargy and gone to work. “ Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution and become “ constituents of the General Grand Council; those that have not ratified the Constitution and become constituents, are not antagonistic to, “ but work in harmony with them.

“ From the proceedings reviewed we are very much pleased to “ notice the general prosperity evinced by the increase of interest in the “ work. Statistics given in the several reports received show a satisfactory gain in membership.

“ We believe the outlook for the Cryptic Rite was never more flattering and hopeful throughout the world than at the present time.”

Companion GEORGE H. GREENE, of Lansing, was elected M. . I. . Grand Master, and Companion GARRA B. NOBLE, of Detroit, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The resolution submitted by the Committee at the Annual Assembly of 1882, to ratify and accept the Constitution of the General Grand Council, was laid over until the next Annual Assembly.

MISSOURI, 1883.

The Grand Council Assembled in the city of St. Louis, on May 2d, 1883.

Deputy Grand Master, WM. G. HALL, presided in the absence of the Grand Master. Five Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address is short, and of no interest outside of that Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported a balance in the Treasury of \$215.

A short report on Correspondence was submitted by Companion WM. H. MAYO, Grand Recorder.

It is short, because the Grand Council by resolution required it should be short.

He reports having received the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, among which is Minnesota for 1882.

Companion WM. G. HALL, of St. Joseph, was elected M. . I. . G. . Master, and Companion WM. H. MAYO, of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1883.

Twenty-second Annual Assembly was held in the city of Concord, May 14th, 1883.

Companion RENSSELAER O. WRIGHT, M.·I.· Grand Master, presided. Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address shows that he has done good work during the year—his report however is of interest only in his jurisdiction. He made the following decisions during the year :

“ First. Can a Companion who has been greeted a Select Master sign the by-laws and become a member of a Council and eligible to hold office until he has received the S.·E.·M.· degree ?

Answer. He can. Having regularly received the Select Master's degree he is entitled to all the rights and privileges of that degree, and as such would be eligible to membership and office.

Second. Should the S.·E.·M.· degree be conferred inside a Council of Select Masters or within a Council of S.·E.· Masters appended to a Council of Select Masters ?

Answer. The Council of Select Masters should be closed, and a Council of S.·E.·M.· opened for work separate from, but appended to, a Council of Select Masters.”

The first decision was disapproved by the Grand Council, the second approved.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$216.28.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder. It was a very good report and we would be glad to quote much from it did time permit.

He reviewed the proceedings of Twenty-one Grand Councils, including Minnesota, for 1882.

He quotes from our address and also from our Correspondence Report. He clips our notice in regard to England, Wales and Scotland.

To even up with you, Companion CLEAVES, we propose to borrow from you, as to the Grand Council of Canada. An even exchange is no robbery.

Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES, of Concord was elected Grand Master.

Companion FRANK D. WOODBURY, also of Concord, was elected Grand Recorder. Membership, 837.

NEW JERSEY, 1883.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Trenton, January 16th, 1883.

M. . I. . G. . M. . JOHN M. KNAPP was present and presided.

Seven Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that he has not been called upon for any official decisions.

He expresses himself emphatically opposed to the Grand Council of New Jersey becoming a member of the General Grand Council of the United States.

The Grand Council approved his recommendation.

We will suppose that all the rest of the Grand Councils had taken the same stand as New Jersey. What would be to day the condition of Cryptic Masonry in the United States? The fact is the organization of the General Grand Council saved the Cryptic Rite, aided by the action of the General Grand Chapter. There must be a good many "old fogies" in the Grand Council of New Jersey.

The Grand Master very feelingly refers to the decease during the year of two worthy Companions, to wit: Companion MARSHALL B. SMITH, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of New Jersey, and Companion GEO. C. WENTWORTH, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey near the Grand Council of Florida.

Appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings to the memory of these Illustrious Companions.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$113.30.

Companion JEROME B. BORDEN was duly elected M. . Ill. Grand Master.

Companion CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1882.

This Grand Council met at the city of New York, September 5th, 1882.

M. . Ill. JOHN J. MARTIN, Grand Master, presided. Thirty Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. It is short, but contains much in a little. We must *scissor* from it:

"COMPANIONS—Since last we met, this earth of ours has traversed its yearly orbit around the sun. The seasons, with their varied attractions, have come and gone. We have seen the forces of Nature lie

"covered with a pall of snow, and, as gentle Spring advanced, we have noticed vegetation start forth at her approach and bloom in the luxuriant Summer-time. We have observed that each season has its work to perform—its mission to accomplish, and on every side is seen the wisdom of Him

"Who sees with equal eye, as God of all,
"A hero perish, or a sparrow fall.

"In 1865, America's ability to control its vast area, with its many diversified interests, surprised Europe and fixed undisputed our position as a great nation. During the past year an event has taken place which has made the stability and solidity of our Government acknowledged throughout the world. The assassin of our President, having been allowed every means of defense, after a long and careful trial, has paid the legal penalty of his crime. In a country where every man's voice has weight, there could have been no stronger proof of the loyalty and allegiance of the people than the manner in which Guiteau was tried and executed. The Chinese problem has been met and settled. Prosperity reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in her embrace all departments flourish. In this general thrift our Rite has probably (thanks to the General Grand Council and love of the Companions) received its full share."

He pays a very fitting eulogy upon the death of P. G. M. H. F. L. BUNTING, who died March 14th, 1882: "Full of years and honors." And also upon the decease of Companion JOHN R. WILTSIE, the Representative of the Grand Council of South Carolina near the Grand Council of New York: "Loved in life, regretted in death."

Very neat and appropriate memorial pages are set apart in the proceedings to the memory of the Illustrious Companions.

We give his closing remarks, for they suit us:

"That the General Grand Council has been a success is now beyond all doubt. Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified and become a part of said body, and a number of others are preparing to come in under its provisions.

"As the welfare of the Order is dear to all, it must be our unceasing endeavor to advance its highest interests. By our actions toward each other we are known to the world, and it is necessary, for the reputation of the Order, that they be always influenced by brotherly kindness. In the fight of life which must be 'waged by every one of us against a host of foes,' a brother's hand may often lighten our burden or help us over a 'rough and rugged path.' Let it be our aim to have this aid always ready, so that when we shall meet in the Nirvana of our hopes, after our part in the great drama has been enacted, we may be conscious that we 'have kept the faith' and have been loyal to our trust. If this is borne in mind, our Order will ever wax greater and stronger, and the so-called 'Mississippi Plan' will be numbered among the schemes of the past.

"All the virtues that attend the good
 "shall still be doubled on her; truth shall nurse her;
 "Holy and heavenly thoughts still counsel her;
 "She shall be lov'd and fear'd; her own shall bless her;
 "Her foes shake like a field of beaten corn,
 "And hang their heads with sorrow; good grows with her:
 "In her day, every man shall eat in safety
 "Under his own vine what he plants, and sing
 "The merry songs of peace to all his neighbors.
 "God shall be truly known; and those about her
 "From her shall read the perfect ways of honor,
 "And by those claim their greatness."

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$123.85.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Companion GEO. M. OSGOODBY, P. G. . Master. It covers forty-one pages in the proceedings. It is a good one. He reviews the proceedings of his own jurisdiction, which is different from any report we have ever seen.

He reports number of Companions received and greeted during the year as 185. Number in good standing, 2,588. That is a good showing.

Under the head of Iowa he says :

"We will tell you a story: A mercantile house in Boston, a few years
 "since, which had extensive dealings with customers in Iowa, finding
 "that he had, as is often the case at the end of the year, some accounts
 "upon his books that were still outstanding, sent off the entire lot to
 "one of our late Companions, of our late Grand Council of Iowa who was
 "in that particular profession which takes much pleasure in rescuing
 "ones' estate from his enemy * * * keeping a goodly share of it
 "himself and returning the balance, with instructions to force collections
 "as fast as possible. In acknowledging receipt of the claims, the creditor
 "was informed that one of his debtors was DEAD. Subsequently the
 "creditor, forgetting his answer, again writing, urging special efforts to
 "collect from his debtors, again spoke of this same debtor as not having
 "paid up, and made enquiries as to him. Promptly came back the
 "answer," 'HE IS STILL DEAD.'

"The Grand High Priest of Iowa, in his address at the Annual Con-
 "vocation in 1880, expressed his intense dislike for the General Grand
 "Council organization in strong terms, and characterized the 'Memorial'
 "presented in defence of the rights of the Grand Council's position as an
 "'Epistle of the Pharisees to the Sadducees,' and as containing 'some of
 "the most unmasonic, discourteous and invidious reflections I ever saw
 "in a Masonic publication.' He then goes on to quote from the proceed-
 "ings of the G. . G. . Chapter of September, 1829," upon the subject of con-
 "ferring the Council Degrees, and endeavors to argue himself into the
 "belief, against his own convictions of right and justice, that a Grand
 "Chapter has a right to assume control over and to confer the Council
 "Degrees; but as is generally the case, where a person is knowingly in
 "the wrong, he will try to make up in boisterous talking what he lacks
 "in sound argument and good sense, and especially by calling hard names
 "or discourteous remarks will try to drive those from him who will not
 "descend to the use of the same arguments which he has in such com-
 "mon stock. Now while we do not desire to get into an argument with
 "this Royal Arch Companion, (for we do not know whether he has ever
 "had the Cryptic Degrees conferred upon him regularly or not), but we
 "cannot refrain from showing how he succeed, in stultifying himself

"upon this question before he gets through with his address. There was an enquiry propounded to him by one of the Chapters which called for his judicial decision, acting in his official capacity, which is worthy of attention. He assumes, as we have seen, to hold that the Councils have been and are irrevocably merged in the Chapters; that they have been made one body in all respects, and of course if this be so, then whatever property belonged to the Council when it 'merged' went into the treasury or assets of the Chapter to which it was offered as a sacrifice. No other logical conclusion can be arrived at; therefore dues which might be owing from a member to the Council of which he was a member, being a part of the assets of the Council would be absorbed by the Chapter and be owing to it from the member. Now let us see how this valiant G..H..P.. settles this question: This question was asked him in his official character: Query. 'At time of consolidation we transferred delinquent dues in Council to books of Chapters. Can a member be suspended for refusing to pay them, and can a Dimit be granted while such charges remain—that is old Council dues?' Answer. 'You cannot suspend from Chapter for those dues. If a Companion pays up all other charges against him he is entitled to a Dimit. The truth is they have no right on your Chapter books, and if they are there, they are WRONGFULLY THERE AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED.'

"This decision is unquestionably right; but what an unenviable position it leaves our G..H..P.. in, to have to eat his own fire. It was a boomerang that he threw at the score of Grand Councils who approved of this 'Memorial' that returns before he is through with his address and he becomes a victim of his own indiscretion. Out of his own mouth he stands self-stultified.

"If there is any fault to be found with this 'Memorial,' the writer of this article does not desire to shirk any responsibility; he was the author of it, and while it was adopted and approved of by the Convention in regular form primarily, he is responsible for its expression.

"At the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1881, the same G..H..P.. recommends that the Grand Chapter adopt as a General Regulation, a provision that the Grand High Priest declare expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, as contumacious any companion in its jurisdiction who may become a member of any Grand or Subordinate Council which may be organized within the State of Iowa under any authority other than that of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. This recommendation was referred to a Committee who, while they expressed themselves as agreeing in spirit with the recommendation, they cannot approve of the letter of the resolution suggested.

"The G..H..P.. also says (they have been charged with it before, but it has always been denied until now), 'In other words, the Royal and Select Masters Degrees are but side degrees to the Chapter.' This is going further than the advocates of this 'merger' process have ever been willing to admit before. It simply means that they mean the destruction of the degrees; this does not apply to but a very few of those who have favored 'merging' as we believe, and if the statement does not meet with some strictures we miss our guess.

"The resolution recommended by the G..H..P.. above referred to by us is one partaking of extreme bitterness, and let it be once adopted

“and the results will establish to the satisfaction of that Body that they have at least made one mistake in their lifetime. We do not believe that there is to be found in that Body a corporal's guard to take such an action. There are many there who would gladly welcome back a reorganization of their Grand Council, but while such utterances are to be heard from those in authority we must not expect to be able to welcome Iowa back in our Grand Sisterhood. Well, we will bide the time, she will surely come; remember the prediction. When that time arrives all the past will be wiped out and forgotten and the glad present and the bright future will make all rejoice in a re-united household of faith.”

We would very much like to clip more from Companion OSGOODBY'S report, but there must be an end somewhere.

Companion JOHN J. MARTIN was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion GEO. VANVLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder. Companion G. FRED. WILTSIE, is Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1883.

Grand Council Assembled at the city of Raleigh, May 17th, 1883, in the Eighteenth Annual Assembly. Grand Master J. I. MUCKS presided. Three Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master submitted a very good address, in which he includes a review of the proceedings of Sixteen Grand Councils; ours of 1882 among the number. He says :

“My official acts have been few. Not a single dispensation or decision has been applied for during the entire year. Of course I do not consider this an omen of success. In fact I am constrained to admit that, unless something can be legally done with the Cryptic Degrees, the Grand Council will soon cease to exist.”

So it was done. The Grand Council and Grand Chapter of North Carolina have “amalgamated.”

Farewell, aye farewell to thee dear Carolina,
Thou hast gone to that “Bosom” ne'er more to return,
We thought thee so true, and so loving and tender,
But now our “Acushla” we sadly must mourn.
’Tis settled “Mavourneen,” at last we must sever,
The ties that have bound us no longer remain;
It may be for years and it may be forever,
We part, very likely, to meet not again.

But though thou determined to go to another,
And leave and forsake the old love of thy youth
Although you embrace and fondle the other,
We e'er shall confide and believe in thy truth.
Thy heart was o'er burdened with care and with sorrow,
Thy load was too heavy, more than thou could'st bear,
Thou could'st not endure it nor wait for the morrow,
When the light of the morning would make it more fair.

O, Carrie Mavourneen, we cannot forget thee,
We cannot efface thine impress from our heart;
But alas! a delusion most cruel beset thee
And caused thee to leave us, compelled us to part;
But O, may thy future grow brighter and better,
May thy expectations be crowned with success,
May naught interpose thy love's labor to fetter,
But may the Great Master abundantly bless.

RHODE ISLAND, 1883.

Proceedings from this Grand Council from 1881, to 1883, inclusive, received.

The Grand Council seems to be in a prosperous condition. One new Council was formed during the year.

There are now five Councils, with a membership of 743.

The Rev. WM. N. ACKLEY, of Warren, is M. I. Grand Master, and Companion WILLIAM R. GREENE, of Providence, is still Grand Recorder.

SCOTLAND, 1883.

From this jurisdiction we have but such light as we gather from other proceedings. The Rite is making fair progress, and we can have no fears of continuous success.

Companion CHARLES HUNTER, of Anglesea, North Wales, is Grand Master, and Companion R. S. BROWN, 5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh, is Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1883.—LETTER.

This Grand Council was held in the city of Columbia, February 14th, 1883.

Companion J. E. BRAZEALE, Grand Master, was present and presided.

Four Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered an address, but of no interest outside of that jurisdiction.

The old Grand Officers were re-elected.

Companion J. E. BRAZEALE, of Anderson, is Grand Master, and Companion D. D. MOORE, of Rock Hill, is Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1883.

We get our light from this Grand Jurisdiction by way of a letter from M. I. JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Recorder.

"Thirty-third Annual Assembly was held in Nashville, February 1st, 1883. EWIN BURNEY, M. I. G. M., presided. All the Grand Officers except Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshall, seven Past M. I. G. Masters, two Past R. I. D. G. Masters, Grand Representatives from sixteen Grand Councils (among which was Michigan), and Representatives from twenty Subordinate Councils, were present.

"Reports from Subordinate Councils showed 650 members.

"Ill. WM. S. MATHEWS, of Memphis, was elected Grand Master, and Ill. JOHN FRIZZELL, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder. Still firm in allegiance to the General Grand Council."

VERMONT, 1882.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington, June 13th, 1882.

The Rev. FREDERICK S. FISHER, M. I. Grand Master, presided. Eighteen Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master presented a very able address. We clip the following from his opening.

"For one moment—a few words—before I give the record of the year past and gone, enrolled amidst the years of the ages—believing the different degrees of Masonry to teach, when studied in their symbols, the hopes and promises, the faith and fears, and the trials and triumphs of the separate stages of God's dealing with mankind. I think that we can see, by the sign deposited, the connecting link in the Cryptic Rite, between the promises of the Jewish degrees, and their completion in the Christian orders, and needed our degrees to teach this connection, in lesson and lectures, in work and ritual. For they complete the Ancient System, and crown the Jewish Rule; in their completion teaching of the time when darkness would be scattered, as the deposit is found, and the will of God revealed.

"For a time the Temple of God is silent, its treasure in their secret vault.

"Its Courts have heard the tread of the despoiler as they will hear the words of the Prince of Peace. His Herald says, 'The King, the King cometh!' He comes to his own, when the lost shall be found, and again will glad voices raise in reverence the ineffable name.

"In the teaching of Masonry here is the end of all the dispensations of Israel, and in our Rite end the Jewish degrees. Beyond Christ is the Center and Shrine. But necessary every link in the chain connecting the promises of the Father, in the sacrifice of the Son. To this period in degree after degree we have worked, and with the forms and ceremonies of the true worship preserved, we hail Emanuel!"

The Grand Master pays a very fitting tribute to the memory of the late JAMES A. GARFIELD, and also to A. G. MACKEY.

He also reports the death during the year of six Companions in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$130.04.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion WHITCOMB, and is a good one. He courteously reviews the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils.

He generously refers to Minnesota and our report for 1881.

His conclusion is excellent. We would like to give it in full, but must desist.

Companion FREDERICK SHUBAEL FISHER, of St. Johnsbury, was re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Companion ELIHU B. TAFT, of Burlington, was elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1883.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Assembly was held in the city of Burlington, June 12th, 1883.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form with appropriate ceremonies.

Most Illustrious Grand Master FREDERICK S. FISHER, presided.

Thirteen Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a very worthy literary production.

We would commend it to all Cryptic students.

We should quote freely from it, but the lateness of the hour of receiving the proceedings compels us to desist. We, however, must clip the following :

" CRYPTIC MASONRY.

" Often asked, and answered, the question, " What is Masonry ? " " This mystery we do not now explain, nor is there any need, for our " builders of the Arches know the treasures and word they bury in silence and secrecy. But we may answer the question, ' What is Council Masonry ? ' that others may hear of the Royal and Sacred Ninth " Arch with its cubic-stone and the Golden Light of the Enochian Delta ; " that our Fratres of the Christian Orders, as they tread with becoming " reverence the pavement of the Holy of Holies, and bend to the Name " given of the angel, may know that beneath the Sanctum Sanctorum was " preserved by their Companions of the Arches those sacred deposits, " which told even from the beginning of the world that mystery yet to " be manifested, when from Bethany would be borne to the Almighty by " the I AM THAT I AM, the Name brought from the other shore of the " flood and whispered through the Mystic Circle.

“Cryptic Masonry teaches the doing for others that others may have the reward and glory,—a great lesson, a noble labor. In the legends teaching to us this revelation, we find legend linked with legend, and rising from the ruins of Solomon’s Temple to a Temple of Enoch before God’s wrath was seen in the flood. Let the beginning be where it may, the end is with us, seen of all the Companions of the Circle, and, heard as legends, teach with their mysterious knowledge. We hear then that even as the Great Temple rose in the hushed quiet which hallowed its unfinished courts by the faithfulness of the workmen, from whom was heard no tool of iron, as its glory shone on Mount Moriah, and before the cap-stone was raised to its place by our Most Excellent Companions, the wise master builder Solomon, taught in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, called to his counsels his two noble Companions, and revealed unto them that secret which the God of the Hebrews told to his own King alone, that this Temple to which they gave their aid, skill and treasures would be destroyed, in a time yet to come, for the sins of the people. Strange indeed must this revelation have seemed to the Illustrious Hiram, strange even to Solomon, that the people would fail to receive the lessons engraven in the symbols and ornaments of that house made so glorious! Stranger to us that generations after generations later the people should not have seen the True Glory of the Second Temple! We can see, as it were, the astonishment pictured on the faces of those Royal Companions of the Great Solomon as they were told the revelation of the G. A. O. T. U.: yet no words of wrath at the folly to be displayed by an ungrateful people. They at once chose their Companions, and completed the fellowship of the Twenty-seven, that the forms and ceremonies of the worship of the true God might never be lost. Then behold the spectacle above and below, and see it daily in the lives of men around us. Thousands above building for the present time, lifting aloft the Cope-stone, polishing the corners, and rearing in the sight of all men the Building of Beauty; and few below constructing, unseen of men, that secret vault, which would safely preserve the treasures of God for the time yet to be.

“Wise those Companions who hear and heed the lessons of our degrees, and build their Temple of life at once for time and for eternity. Together let our Building go on to its completion in its two parts, outwardly and inwardly, above and below, seen and unseen, until the Father of Lights shall reward openly. We do well to dwell on such lessons; behold them, and meditate on the devotion of the Royal and select Twenty-seven.

“Their brothers were cheered by the admiration their work called forth and by expectation of that time when the whole nation shall bow the head as the Prayer of Consecration rises to the God of the Temple completed. These brothers labored for themselves, true and devoted to God as they were. It could not be otherwise, as their works were seen and praised, while beneath their Companions wrought in silence, secrecy and darkness, as other eyes were closed in sleep. To none of those with whom they were associated would their labors be revealed, unseen by friends their skill, untold in life their zeal, for others they build, and others will have the glory and treasure they bury in the silence of their hearts, as they are concealed in the secrecy beneath the

" Mount. But the end crowns the work ; though dead, their zeal and fidelity shall shine ; from darkness their devotion speaks in the clear light.

" It is not the glory of the polished Temple, the soft tinted marble, and the glare of silver and gold, the precious stones, which shall blind the eyes and lift the hands in admiration, but that treasure which their faithfulness preserved when the tread of the despoiler, the noise of tumult, and the shock of battle filled and ruined the work of their brothers' hands. In the arches of man's faithful doing unto others is the light of the Lord's ineffable name. Blessed ! thrice blessed the reward of doing for others ! Further, the same lesson teaches, and in like words, in seasons of prosperity lay up treasures for the seasons of adversity. God gives us his royal bounty, yet in its use we are his stewards ; the unwise waste, the wise treasure. And in the test of trial and destruction, the treasured bounty blesses, while the wasted is of no use save to cover and protect the treasure of the wise. As the ruins of the Temple protected until the appointed time the Secret and Sacred Vault, whose pavement we now tread, to imitate the self-denial of its builders.

" Again, we draw out further the links of the legends, all of them of pure, beaten and tried gold. We do not do this for the instruction of Companions of our Mystic circle, but for those who affect to despise our degrees as devoid of lesson and symbolism. In the past, in an unconscious imitation of our Companions of the number completed in the Secret Vault, the Companions of the Council degrees have worked on in silence, secrecy and darkness unto others ; the Light concealed of old to be revealed in the future lighted the very work done to conceal its rays. It was the duty of the workmen in the Vault faithfully to conceal that light for a time, yet the concealment of the present was but for the revealing in the future. And no less binding the duty of revealing than the duty of concealing. Is it not, then, our duty to reveal the treasures of our Rite, that others beholding their brightness may do them honor and homage. I think this revealing is the duty at the present time of our workmen, that the true dignity of our degrees shall be no longer unknown, when, if known, it ought to lift the hands not only of our Companions but of other Companions likewise. Though, alas ! the hands of too many of our own Companions have to be stayed while we make plain to the sight the treasures we inherit and hold. Therefore, there should be no hesitation in our claims and demands for respect and honor for our ceremonies than which none in all the branches of our own one fraternity are more rich and glorious in the hidden and to-be-revealed teachings. They instruct in the rewards given to labor for others, the same instruction gives the example of working in the present for the future certain to come. Of no present use was that council chamber beneath the high altar, but in the future the one place of all sought of the discoverers. Thus as we rear our present structure of business and the home, beneath all must we construct for the great and never-ending future.

" And a greater lesson even is yet to be spoken and seen, the example of sacrifice and humility, the unseen and unspoken hope working in silence and secrecy. As we work on in this world, we think of those who will see our labors, speak of them, and admire them finished, unlike this the workmen in the depth of the foundation rock. Thus

“like them must we seek in silence and sincerity, in secret and the darkness to be made light, to construct our characters to be discovered in the last day as the one treasure of all ever held.

“Let me recall to your minds one more lesson from our legends, and then the last and highest. It is the lesson of doing our duty in the station of life to which we are called. Not to the highest honor of all were our Companions of the Crypt of the Temple called. To others was given the great and high honor of revealing the Ineffable Name; to our Companions the task of constructing the Secret Vault for its speaking plate of gold, with its rays of gold, as made by Enoch the wise descendant of the great Seth. Yet in faithfulness, the same faithfulness with which they held the sceptre and gavel, our Royal Masters used the trowel, ennobling work as we may by a like faithfulness ennoble, each of us, the work of our hands in our several stations of duty in life.

“Above all these lessons, the highest that can be taught in any rite or ritual, is Trust in God. And in no other degree or Order of the Craft can we find this Trust more fully and plainly taught. Consider the situation of our fellow-workmen at the time our secret vault was constructed. Rising to its completion was the labor of many thousand workmen. Crowning the Mount rose the Temple of God, to be the pride and splendor of long years to the nation of Israel. Adorned with all the ornaments that skill and wealth could bestow, and yet concealing in its secret depths deposits laid there to await the time, centuries hence, when all this glory and beauty should be but ruins and rubbish. And this secret hidden place was built in nights of darkness and silence, in trust in the revealed will of God that the time would come when alone of all the works of man's hands on that Holy Mount would remain the Arches of Trust. Greater obedience is not taught in all our many degrees; and if other Companions wear proudly the words ‘Holiness to the Lord,’ unto Royal and Select Companions belong the promise and words ‘Trust in God.’

“Companions, if any fail to see the lessons and legends of our Rite, read carefully beneath the lines, and remember that under the glory and splendor above, and then under the ruins of man's hands was found these lessons.

“And then, indeed, may we become Royal and Select, nay, even Super-Excellent Masters, under Him who is Master of all, whose name is light to them that sit in darkness, and the Shekinah guiding over the desolation of the world, to realms of bliss.

“ CONCLUSION.

“As I lay aside the crown and sceptre of the Ninth Arch of our Grand Council, to take up the sword and trowel once more in the outer arches, I thank my Companions for the high honor, twice conferred, of sitting in the chair of Solomon, and trust that I have in some measure attained unto the end to which my labors have been directed. It has been my aim to make our Rite respected, as it ought to be, in the system of Masonry, and as the dignity and beauty of our degrees deserve, a respect we must feel first of all ourselves, and then we shall likewise be respected by the intelligent and skillful Craftsmen.

"If there has been any failure in this design, it has been of the mind and not of the heart, for this Body is to me a favorite Rite, Selected in its legends and friendship, and Royal to me in my allegiance. And, therefore, whatever may have been my term of office in the East, be assured that you will still find me an untiring worker from the door through the Arches, as with the trowel is laid the mystic cement of our fellowship, and with the sword our treasures are protected from all intruders.

"Hebrew gave unto Hebrew, as they parted, the blessing of peace, so now I say unto all the Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Vermont, SHALOM.

The finance committee reported the Grand Treasury not flush but empty.

A per capita tax of ten cents for each member returned, was levied to pay expenses.

Companion WILLIAM H. L. WHITCOMB, who has so often gratified us with his able and interesting reports on foreign correspondence, submitted another this year, and like all others, is excellent. He compliments us on our report and quotes from the Grand Master's Address.

We would be glad to quote largely from his report, but cannot for want of time.

FRANK HAVEN BOSCOM, of Montpelier, is Grand Master ; EDWARD R. GEENLEAF, of Burlington, is Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

GROVE B. COOLEY,
For the Committee.



ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GROVE B. COOLEY, M.:I.:G.:M.: - - -	Minneapolis.
D. M. BALDWIN, R.:I.:D.:G.:M.: - - -	Red Wing.
D. B. SMITH, R.:I.:G.:P.:C.: of W.: - - -	Austin.
G. W. MERRILL, R.:I.:G.:T.: - - -	St. Paul.
WM. CHENEY, R.:I.:G.: R.: - - -	Minneapolis.
E. E. McDERMOTT, G.:C.: of G.: - - -	Minneapolis.
J. H. LAVAQUE, G.:C.: of C.: - - -	Duluth.
G. S. ACKER, G.:M.: - - -	St. Paul.
J. P. POND, G.:C.: - - -	St. Paul.
E. A. BROUGHTON, G.: Steward, - - -	Minneapolis.
J. C. FISHER, G.: Sentinel, - - -	St. Paul.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 6th day of October, 1884, at 4 o'clock P. M.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council assembled at Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, on Monday, October 13th, A. D. 1884, at the hour of 4 o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, R.:I.:D.: Grand Master.

Companion D. B. SMITH, R.:I.:G.:P.:C.: of W.:.

Companion G. W. MERRILL, R.:I.:G.:T.:.

Companion WM. CHENEY, R.:I.: Grand Recorder.

Companion E. E. McDERMOTT, G.:C.: of Guard.

Companion J. H. LAVAQUE, G.:C.: of Council.

Companion G. S. ACKER, G.: Marshal.

Companion A. Z. LEVERING, as G.: Steward.

Companion J. C. FISHER, G.: Sentinel.

With representatives from Subordinate Councils and other Illustrious Companions.

OPENING.

The Grand Council was then opened in AMPLE FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials, to-wit: Companions WM. S. COMBS, JOHN R. CAREY and WM. CHENEY.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following officers and members entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion D. M. BALDWIN, R. I. D. G. M.
Companion D. B. SMITH, R. I. G. P. C. of W.
Companion WM. CHENEY, Grand Recorder.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer.
Companion E. E. McDERMOTT, G. C. of G.
Companion J. H. LAVAGUE, G. C. of C.
Companion G. S. ACKER, G. Marshal.
Companion J. C. FISHER, G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion WM. S. COMBS, P. M. I. G. M.
Companion G. W. MERRILL, P. M. I. G. M.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1.

G. W. MERRILL, T. I. M.
W. S. COMBS, R. I. D. M.
G. S. ACKER, P. C. of W.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2.

WM. CHENEY, T. I. M.
GEO. A. REICHARD, R. I. D. M.
JACOB BREYER, P. C. of W.

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4.

D. M. BALDWIN, T. I. M.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5.

A. Z. LEVERING, T. I. M.
C. D. BOYCE, R. I. D. M.

DULUTH COUNCIL NO. 6.

J. R. CAREY, T. I. M.

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 7.

D. B. SMITH, T. I. M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

England and Wales....	DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Red Wing
Georgia.....	G. W. MERRILL, St. Paul
Illinois.....	DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Red Wing
Kentucky.....	WM. CHENEY, Minneapolis
Maine.....	JOHN H. LAVAQUE, Duluth
Massachusetts.....	WM. S. COMBS, St. Paul
Michigan.....	WM. CHENEY, Minneapolis
New Jersey.....	DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Red Wing

The most illustrious Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

On Grand Master's Address — G. W. MERRILL, J. H. LAVAQUE and A. Z. LEVERING.

On Transcript of Councils, U. D. - E. E. McDERMOTT, GEORGE S. ACKER and J. BREYER.

On Returns of Chartered Councils — A. Z. LEVERING, D. B. SMITH and C. D. BOYCE.

On Appeals and Grievances — J. H. LAVAQUE, H. L. CARVER and WILLIAM CHENEY.

On Finance — WILLIAM S. COMBS, GEORGE S. ACKER and J. R. CAREY.

On Masonic Jurisprudence — G. W. MERRILL, W. S. COMBS and A. Z. LEVERING.

On Foreign Correspondence — GEORGE W. COOLEY, WILLIAM S. COMBS and WILLIAM CHENEY.

On motion of Companion William Cheney it was voted that all Select Masters in good and regular standing be invited to seats in this Grand Council.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

With our Triangle broken and our hearts full of sorrow, we have met to-day on the occasion of our fifteenth annual Grand Assembly.

It becomes my sad duty to formally announce to you the untimely death of our late Most Illustrious Grand Master. JUDGE GROVE B. COOLEY, who died at his home in Minneapolis on the 20th of August, 1884. He

was born at Attica, N. Y., December 10, 1827. It is the first time since the organization of this grand body that we have been called upon to mourn the death of our Grand Master while holding that office. His obsequies were conducted by his companions and brethren with the honors that were justly his due, and in a manner evincive of their esteem and sorrow. By his death we have suffered an irreparable loss. We all know how earnestly and faithfully he has labored for the prosperity of the "Cryptic Rite," and especially for this Grand Council and its constituents. With him it was a labor of love, and his works are before us and the Masonic world. I have personally known our lamented and beloved Grand Master for nearly twenty-two years. He was ever a true and steadfast friend, a man and a Mason of the most noble and generous characteristics. He had a kind and encouraging word for everyone, from "the youngest entered apprentice on the checkered pavement below to King Solomon on his ivory throne"—all were treated with like courtesy and fraternal greetings. He was generous almost to a fault. The needy applicant never left his presence with an empty hand, although by contributing to his wants he might seriously inconvenience himself. He was an earnest and zealous Masonic student, and his superior ability as a Masonic jurist was unquestioned. As Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, none have excelled him in the discharge of the duties of that office, and few have been his peers, and since he retired from the Grand East, his Masonic worth has been considered from the fact that he has been continuously appointed by his successors as chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in that body. It seems hard that he should be taken from us in the noontide of his usefulness. His work was not finished, though he had labored faithfully and long, but we trust that his inner temple was completed and that the Supreme Grand Master has called him to the higher lodge to receive his well-earned wages of eternal refreshment and rest. I leave it for brighter minds and abler pens than mine to perpetuate his memory in a fitting manner on our records. The only other death reported for the year is that of Comp. FRANK E. HESLER, of Minneapolis Council No. 2, who died January 13, 1884. I would suggest that appropriate record thereof be made in our proceedings. At as early a day as possible I gave official notice of the death of our M. I. Grand Master to the Grand Councils of Canada, England and Wales, Illinois, Maine, Michigan and Scotland, from each of which he held commissions as their honored representative near this Grand Council, and in reply I have received kind and sympathizing letters of condolence from M. P. Grand Master REV. G. R. PORTAL, of the Grand Council of England and Wales, M. P. GEORGE W. CURTIS, Grand Master, and R. I. GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Illinois, also from M. I. LEVI C. GOODALE, P. G. M. of the Grand

Council of Ohio ; the other Grand Councils will doubtless reply at an early day.

On the 22d of September I received a communication from M. . I. . LEVI C. GOODALE, Grand Master of Ohio, dated Sept. 8th, 1884, and addressed to our late Grand Master COOLEY, in which he says : "In looking over our Roll, I find that you have no representative near our Grand Council which convenes on the 16th inst.. If you have no other choice, may I be permitted to recommend for the place J. W. CHAMBERLAIN, of Tiffin, Ohio. As the time is so near at hand, kindly inform me by wire at my expense, that if you approve I may secure his attendance by advising him," &c.

To this I replied that our Roll shows the name of Companion DAVID S. FISHER as our representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, and requested information concerning him, whether he was deceased or had removed from their jurisdiction, &c., and that I should be pleased to comply with his request by appointing Companion CHAMBERLAIN as our representative if the position was vacant.

On the 21st of September M. . I. . Companion GOODALE replied as follows:

"Concerning representative. the matter will now pass to my successor, Dr. CHAMBERLAIN, of Toledo, but my desire is that the representative of the Grand Master should present himself at the meetings of the Grand Council; this your representative has not done for four years, unless my memory is at fault, so that he can hardly be said to represent your Grand Master, unless you wish it to be understood that Minnesota desires to be conspicuous by her absence from our gatherings; and this I know is not your desire. Companion FISHER has not represented lately your Grand Council any more than if he were dead; hence my desire to secure a new one. With fraternal regards, etc."

I fully concur with the sentiments of P. . M. . I. . Companion GOODALE, as to the expediency of our having a live representative, and especially near the Grand Council of the great State of Ohio; but as the time for our Annual Assembly was so near, I thought best to defer further action, and bring the matter before you for consideration.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

So far as I have been able to learn, perfect peace and harmony prevails among all of our Councils. The past year has been one of considerable financial depression among us. Many of the craftsmen have been obliged to give an extra amount of time and attention to their business affairs, in order to secure the wherewith to keep the larder filled and the "pot boiling," and we might reasonably expect to feel its effects by a diminution of masonic zeal and work, and yet the returns from our Councils show a steady and healthy growth, and I think we have occasion to feel thankful for the continued prosperity of the Cryptic rite in our Jurisdiction.

Saint Paul Council No. 1.

This Council (resuscitated) has truly fulfilled the hopes and assurances of our late Grand Master. They show a gain of seventeen during the year. No losses. Present membership, sixty-three. It is with much pleasure that I see our Mother Council coming to the front again and setting a good example for the younger ones.

Minneapolis Council No. 2.

This Council, which has been the mainstay in our family for the past few years, still continues to hold the first place as to membership and work, they having had eighteen new members, but have lost ten by withdrawal, one stricken from the roll and two deceased, making a net gain of five. Present membership, one hundred and seventy-nine.

Tyrian Council No. 4.

Shows a gain of one passed the Circle. No losses. Present membership, fifty-three.

Adoniram Council No. 5.

Has four new ones. Lost three by demit. Net increase, one. Present membership, fifty-seven.

Duluth Council No. 6.

This thrifty little Council, located on the shores of the "great unsalted sea," shows a gain of two for the year. No losses reported. Present membership, twenty-nine.

Austin Council No. 7.

This Council, the youngest of the family, has held its own during the year, without any loss or gain. Present membership, twenty-one. They have ten candidates elected, and will show good work next year.

RECAPITULATION.

Membership at last Assembly	376
Number passed the Circle.....	42
Number stricken from Roll.....	1
Number demitted	13
Number died.....	2
Total membership to date.....	402
Gain during the year.....	26

CONCLUSION.

In unexpectedly appearing before you in this highly honorable position, I cannot but feel my utter weakness and incapacity when compared with the lustrous talents of him who only a short time since we had every reason to hope and expect would be here to preside over us at this Assembly, with his accustomed grace and dignity, his noble and pleasant countenance beaming upon us, giving us kind words of encouragement, counseling us wisely, and ever with an eye to the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite.

Hoping for your kind assistance and forbearance, let us now proceed with the duties before us.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
R. I. I., Deputy Grand Master.

On motion the address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

The Grand Recorder then presented his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 13th, 1884.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota :

Your Grand Recorder begs leave to present his annual report for the year 1883-4 as follows :

WILLIAM CHENEY, Grand Recorder, in account with Grand Council of Minnesota.

Dr.

1883.

Oct. 9.	Received of Minneapolis Council No. 2 dues for 1882..	\$ 76.50
Oct. 13.	" Adoniram Council No. 5 dues for 1883....	14.75
1884.		
Feb. 21.	" St. Paul Council No. 1 dues.....	25.00
Sept. 16.	" Minneapolis Council No. 2 dues for 1883..	62.75
Oct. 13.	" Austin Council No. 7 dues for 1884.....	5.25

\$184.25

Cr.

By paid to Grand Treasurer..... \$184.25

There is due the Grand Recorder for postage during the year \$7.25.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM CHENEY, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

ST. PAUL, October 13th, 1884.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota.

Dr.

1883.		
Oct. 8.	Dr. to balance in treasury as per report (see proceedings of 1883)	\$ 94.15
1884.		
Feb. 15.	Dr. to cash dues of Minneapolis Council No. 2 for 1883.....	76.50
Oct. 13.	To cash of William Cheney, Grand Recorder..	107.75
		<u>\$278.40</u>

Cr.

1883.		
Oct. 9.	By cash paid warrant in favor of J. C. Fisher..	\$ 2.00
1884.		
Feb. 15.	By cash paid warrant in favor of G. B. Cooley	25.00
Feb. 15.	By cash paid warrant in favor of William Cheney for postage....	7.50
Feb. 15.	By cash paid warrant in favor of William Cheney.....	25.00
Feb. 15.	By cash paid warrant in favor of William Cheney for dues to General Grand Council..	3.00
Feb. 18.	By cash paid warrant in favor of Johnson, Smith & Harrison.....	104.00
		<u>\$166.50</u>
	Balance in treasury.....	\$111.90

G. W. MERRILL, Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Companion WM. S. COMBS, it was voted that when the Grand Council calls from labor to refreshment it be until 9 A. M. to-morrow:

On motion, it was voted that the election of Grand Officers be made the special order for 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master for subdivision and reference, respectfully report—

1. That so much as relates to the death of Most Illustrious Grand Master COOLEY and Companion F. E. HESLER be referred to a special committee.
2. That so much as relates to the matter of Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.
3. That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee.

G. W. MERRILL,
JOHN H. LAVAQUE,
A. Z. LEVERING.

Committee.

Companion WM. CHENEY presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky, near the Grand Council of Minnesota; and Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois, near the Grand Council of Minnesota, which were accepted.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following special committees as recommended in report of committee on Grand Master's address, viz.:

Special Committee on death of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grove B. Cooley, and Comp. F. E. Hesler—GEO. W. COOLEY, G. W. MERRILL and WM. CHENEY.

Special Committee on the Residue of the Grand Master's Address—D. B. SMITH, C. D. BOYCE and JACOB BREYER.

On motion the committee appointed in 1878, on St. Paul Council, No 1, and which has since been continued from year to year, was discharged.

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Councils would make the following report :

That we have examined the returns of the following Councils :

Name of Council.	Total Membership.	Dues.
St. Paul, No. 1	63	\$ 33.00
Minneapolis, No. 2	179	62.75
Tyrian, No. 4	53	14.25
Adoniram, No. 5	57	18.25
Duluth, No. 6	29	9.25
Austin, No. 7	21	5.25

Respectfully submitted,

A. Z. LEVERING,

D. B. SMITH,

CHAS. D. BOYCE,

Committee.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment, until 9 A. M. to-morrow, Tuesday.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M., Tuesday, October 14th.

The Special Committee on the residue of the Grand Master's Address made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of the State of Minnesota, now in session :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the residue of the Grand Master's Address, respectfully submits, that they have carefully examined the same and commend it as a thoroughly exhaustive review of the prosperous condition of the Order, and recommend its adoption by this Grand Council.

D. B. SMITH,

CHAS. D. BOYCE,

JACOB BREYER,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands.....	\$111 90
Dues from St. Paul Council No. 1.....	91 25
Dues from Tyrian Council No. 4.....	14 25
Dues from Adoniram Council No. 5.....	18 25
Dues from Duluth Council No. 6.....	9 25
Resources.....	\$244 90

We would recommend that the bill of Companion CHENEY for postage, \$7.25, be allowed and order drawn for the amount, and the sum of \$25 be paid Companion CHENEY for services as G.°R.°, also the sum of \$25 to M.°I.° G. M. COOLEY and the sum of \$3 to Companion FISHER as G.° Sentinel.

WM. S. COMBS,
J. R. CAREY,
G. S. ACKER.

Committee.

The special committee on deceased companions presented the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Council of the State of Minnesota :

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of our Grand Master's address relating to the death of our late companion, GROVE B. COLEY, Grand Master and companion FRANK E. HESLER respectfully report, that we have inserted in the body of the report on foreign correspondence a brief obituary on the death of our late Grand Master, and recommend that a memorial page be set aside to the memory of companion HESLER.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
G. W. MERRILL,
WM. CHENEY,

Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Committee on Transcript of Councils U. D. reported that nothing had come before them for their consideration, which was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Council, now in session :

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances would respectfully report that no business for consideration has come before your committee, and we would congratulate the Grand Body for the universal peace and harmony that prevails throughout this jurisdiction.

JOHN H. LAVAQUE.

WM. CHENEY.

Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented their report as follows, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they freely endorse the opinions of M. I. Grand Master Baldwin on the subject of Foreign Representatives, and would recommend that the change be made as requested by G. M. Goodale, of Ohio. We confess to much ignorance as to the utility of this system of representation. It seems to pertain to the ornamental rather than the useful; and, such being the case, we fail to see how a Companion can represent the honor and dignity of this Grand Council who habitually absents himself from the Grand Council to which he is accredited.

Your committee offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Council that Companions of Sister Jurisdictions holding commissions as representatives of this Grand Council shall give due attention to such duties as pertain to the office of Grand Representative, and whenever any representative of this Grand Council shall have been absent from two consecutive annual sessions of his Grand Council without a satisfactory excuse sent to this Grand Council his commission shall be considered to have lapsed, and his name shall no longer be borne on our Roll as Grand Representative.

Resolved, That our Grand Recorder be instructed to have the above resolution printed in connection with the Roll of Grand Representatives holding Commissions from this Grand Council.

G. W. MERRILL.

WM. S. COMBS.

A. Z. LEVERING.

Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Companions G. W. MERRILL and J. BREYER were appointed tellers.

The election resulted as follows :

Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN.....	M. . I. . G. . M. .
" D. B. SMITH.....	R. . I. . D. . G. . M. .
" J. H. LAVAQUE.....	R. . I. . G. . P. . C. . of . . W. .
" G. W. MERRILL.....	R. . I. . G. . Treasurer.
" WM. CHENEY.....	R. . I. . G. . Recorder.

On motion of Companion LAVAQUE, it was voted that the time for the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council be fixed for the future on the Monday next preceding the second Tuesday of October in each year.

The Grand Recorder presented a supplementary report as follows, which was accepted and ordered filed :

Receipts at Grand Council, October 13, 1884.

Duluth Council No. 6, dues.....	\$ 9.25
Tyrian Council No. 4, dues.....	14.25
Adoniram Council No. 5, dues.....	18.25
St. Paul Council No. 1, dues.....	33.00
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	\$74.75

INSTALLATION.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master WM. S. COMBS then installed the elective officers. Companion O. C. HOUGHTON acted as Grand Marshal.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master DWIGHT M. BALDWIN then announced the following appointed officers, and they were duly installed:

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Companion A. Z. LEVERING.....	G. . C. . of G. .
" JOHN R. CAREY.....	G. . C. . of C. .
" JACOB BREYER.....	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES D. BOYCE.....	Grand Chaplain.
" HENRY L. SIMONS.....	Grand Steward.
" J. C. FISHER.....	Grand Sentinel.

St. Paul Council No. 1, through their T.:I.:M.:, extended an invitation to the Grand Council to witness an exemplification of the work at the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, which invitation was accepted.

On motion of Companion WM. CHENEY, it was voted that 500 copies of the proceedings be printed, and that the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Recorder be a committee to attend to the same.

On motion of Companion WM. CHENEY, a vote of thanks was extended to Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their hall.

On motion, it was voted that the matter of granting a charter to Fergus Falls Council, U.:D.:, be left to the discretion of the Grand Master.

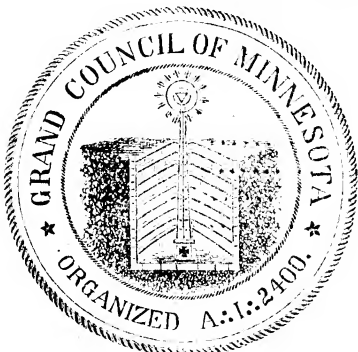
On motion of Companion D. B. SMITH, it was voted that when a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters, who were formerly members of Rochester Council No. 3, apply for a revival of their charter, the Most Illustrious Grand Master be authorized to restore their charter, at his discretion.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Minnesota, was closed in AMPLE FORM with appropriate ceremonies and prayer.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
M.:I.:G.: Master.

Attest:

WM. CHENEY,
Grand Recorder.



REPRESENTATIVES

— OF THE —

GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post Office Address.
Alabama.....	Wm. P. McCollum.....	Selma
California.....	George T. Grimes.....	San Francisco
Canada.....	W. H. Porter.....	Brantford
Connecticut.....	Fred H. Waldron.....	New Haven
England and Wales....	Frederick Binks } 2 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.	
Florida.....	John Carlovitz	Milton
Georgia.....	James W. Taylor.....	Lutherville
Indiana.....	Albert P. Charles.....	Seymour
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte
Kentucky.....	James W. Staton	Brookville
Louisiana.....	George J. Pinckard.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	Charles J. Colamore.....	Bangor
Maryland.....	S. C. Bush	Baltimore
Michigan.....	Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit
Missouri.....	Allan McDowell.....	St. Louis
New Hampshire.....	Joseph W. Hildreth.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	
New York.....	A. B. King.....	Troy
Ohio.....	J. W. Chamberlain.....	Tiffin
Pennsylvania.....	Geter C. Shidle.....	Pittsburg
Rhode Island.....	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence
Scotland.....	Capt. Charles Hunter.....	Edinburgh

South Carolina.....	J. E. C. Dupre.....	Abbeville
Tennessee	W. R. Shaver.....	New Middleton
Vermont.....	Albert C. Hubbell.....	Bennington
Wisconsin	J. P. C. Cottrel.....	Milwaukee

Resolutions adopted at the Fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, October, 1884.

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Resolved, That our Grand Recorder be instructed to have the above resolution printed in connection with the roll of Grand Representatives holding commissions from this Grand Council.

ANNUAL RETURNS

— OF —

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL NO. 1, ST. PAUL.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

G. W. MERRILL.....	T. A. M.
W. S. COMBS.....	D. A. M.
G. S. ACKER.....	P. C. of W.
A. M. P. COWLEY.....	Treasurer.
A. T. C. COBB.....	Recorder.
C. F. YEAGER.....	C. of G.
O. C. HOUGHTON.....	C. of C.
J. P. POND.....	Steward.
J. C. FISHER.....	Sentinel.
Total membership.....	63

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL NO. 2, MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular meeting third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

WM. CHENEY.....	T. I. M.
GEO. A. REICHARD	D. I. M.
JACOB BREYER.....	P. C. of W.
J. M. WILLIAMS.....	Treasurer.
GEO. W. CATES.....	Recorder.
H. KIRKWOOD.....	C. of G.
W. D. PEET.....	C. of C.
J. W. NASH.....	Steward.
WM. COVE.....	Sentinel.
Total membership.....	179

TYRIAN COUNCIL NO. 4, RED WING.

Regular Assembly third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN.....	T. I. M.
S. B. FOOTE.....	D. I. M.
J. C. HAWES.....	P. C. of W.
L. C. SMITH.....	Treasurer.
GEO. H. DEIPENBROCK.....	Recorder.
W. O. DODGE.....	C. of G.
L. A. HANCOCK.....	C. of C.
H. P. MCINTIRE.....	Steward.
M. KOPPEL.....	Sentinel.
Total membership.....	53

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 5, MINNEAPOLIS.

Regular Assembly second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

A. Z. LEVERING.....	T. I. M.
CHARLES D. BOYCE.....	D. I. M.
FRANK ZAHNER.....	P. C. of W.
H. M. KENT.....	Treasurer
SOLON ARMSTRONG.....	Recorder
R. H. BAKER.....	C. of G.
W. E. JOHNSON.....	C. of C.
A. DALE.....	Steward
MOSES WHITTIER.....	Sentinel
Total membership.....	57.

DULUTH COUNCIL NO. 6, DULUTH.

Regular Assembly first and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

JOHN R. CAREY.....	T. I. M.
WM. G. TRUBROOK.....	D. I. M.
M. J. FORBES.....	P. C. of W.
A. J. MILLER.....	Treasurer.
J. R. JOHNSON.....	Recorder.
GEO. N. LAVAQUE.....	C. of G.
T. A. OLMSTED.....	C. of C.
J. E. COOLEY.....	Steward.
S. J. THOMPSON.....	Sentinel.
Total membership.....	29

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 7. AUSTIN.

OFFICERS.

DANIEL B. SMITH.....	T. I. M.
HENRY R. WELLS.....	D. I. M.
EUGENE WOOD.....	P. C. of W.
EDWARD C. DORR.....	Treasurer
CHARLES H. DAVIDSON.....	Recorder
ANTON FRIEDRICH.....	C. of G.
JAMES S. ANDERSON.....	C. of C.
FRANK D. BEECHER.....	Steward
A. K. VANDERWARKER.....	Sentinel
Total membership.....	21.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1884.

St. Paul No. 1, Passed the Circle.....	17	Membership....	63
Minneapolis No. 2, Passed the Circle.....	18	Membership....	179
Tyrian No. 4, Passed the Circle.....	1	Membership....	53
Adoniram No. 5, Passed the Circle.....	4	Membership....	57
Duluth No. 6, Passed the Circle.....	2	Membership....	29
Austin No. 7, Passed the Circle.....	0	Membership....	21
Total membership.....			402
Total passed the Circle.....			42
Total dimitted.....			13
Total died.....			2
Total stricken from the roll.....			1
Net gain during the year.....			26

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1870 TO 1884.

Year.	M. I. G. M.:	R. I. D. G. M.:	R. I. G. M.:	G. P. C. W.:	G. Treas.	G. Rec.
1870.....	J. C. Terry.....	Samuel Willey*.....	A. E. Ames*.....	E. C. Cross.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Wm. S. Combs.....
1871.....	A. E. Ames*.....	Samuel Willey*.....	E. C. Cross.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1872.....	E. C. Cross.....	J. C. Terry.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1873.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	Charles Shandrew.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1874.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	H. L. Carver.....	D. M. Goodwin.....	Fred Joss.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1875.....	Fred Joss.....	H. L. Carver.....	G. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	M. W. Getchell.....	B. F. Wright.....
1876.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Fred Woodbourne.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.....
1877.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Office abolished.....	Ed. McDermott.....	M. W. Getchell.....	Theo. Burkhard.....
1878.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....
1879.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	G. W. Merrill.....	.....	Ed. McDermott.....	Wm. A. Spaulding.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....
1880.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....	.....	H. M. Kent.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1881.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....	C. H. Benton.....	.....	Theodore Burkhard.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1882.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....	Theodore Burkhard.....	.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1883.....	Grove B. Cooley*.....	D. M. Baldwin.....	.....	D. B. Smith.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....
1884.....	Dwight M. Baldwin.....	D. B. Smith.....	.....	J. H. Lavaque.....	G. W. Merrill.....	Wm. Cheney.....

*Deceased.

Obituary.

While the light of the East was shining on the first years of Masonry a mournful cry sounded through the temple,

OUR GRAND MASTER IS DEAD.

To-day, the workers in the Secret Vault hear the Echo and, sorrowing, listen to the sad tidings carried to them by their fellow-countrymen,

OUR GRAND MASTER IS DEAD.

He whom we loved, and to whom we looked for words of encouragement and cheer, he whose brotherly hand has for years drawn the designs upon the trestle board for our guidance, he whose heart was ever open as the shining face of the noonday sun, whose hand was ever stretched out to help a falling brother, and whose foot was ever ready for the first step towards an act of charity, he who loved his fellow-craftsmen, has laid down his trowel and passed through the open door, to learn the mysterious secrets of the Holy of Holies.

FROM A NOBLE LIFE BELOW

TO A

ROBLER LIFE ABOVE,

Has Passed

OUR COMPANION, OUR FRIEND, OUR MASTER.

Grove B. Cooley,

Born in Attica, N. Y.,

DECEMBER 10, 1827.

Died in Minneapolis, Minn.,

AUGUST 20 1884.

Yes, the young may die,
And the old must die,
And the wisest knoweth not how soon ;
The babe as soon as born,
The youth in early morn,
And the aged in the afternoon.

Yes, death must come to all ;
In the spring time, in the fall.
There are none that can escape the final doom ;
He that hews the wood and stone,
He that sits on ivory throne ;
Each must pass beneath the shadow and the gloom.

To the Memory of

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION

Frank E. Hesler,

WHO DIED

DECEMBER 31ST, 1883,

AGED 32 YEARS.

THIS PAGE IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Minnesota, in particular, and to the Cryptic Craft, in general:

In 1876, Companion GROVE B. COOLEY, present Grand Master of this Grand Council, submitted his report on Foreign Correspondence; reviewing at that time, the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils. For eight years thereafter our Illustrious Companion gave to the Craft an extended review of the doings of our sister Grand Councils; and to his work is due a great deal of the interest now felt in the Cryptic rite. Your committee feel that it would have been better to have retained him as correspondent, but as he had the appointing power, and has put it into our hands with instructions to "go ahead, and do the best you can," we reluctantly proceed to the task. As we told him shortly after the appointment, there was only one way in which we could improve on his report; we would leave out the poetry. Later; We have concluded to modify that, and insert in an appropriate place a few of the finest verses ever written.

Proceedings have been received and reviewed as follows :

Alabama	1883	Lousiana	1884
California	1884	Maine.....	1883
Canada.....	1883	Michigan.....	1884
Connecticut	1884	New York	1883
Georgia	1884	Ohio.....	1884
Illinois.....	1883	Tennessee.....	1884
Indiana	1883	Vermont.....	1884
Kentucky	1883		

ALABAMA, 1883.

This Grand Council assembled in Montgomery, December 3d, 1883, in its 46th Annual Asesmbly; Grand Master WM. W. McCOLLUM, presiding.

Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master presented a good address, showing praiseworthy diligence in his duties, and energetic work in his care of the Craft in his jurisdiction. He strikes the key-note of success when he says, "The timid and the fearful never succeed. It is only the daring spirit that ever accomplishes his purpose."

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$55.00, after paying expenses of the Assembly.

Companion DANIEL SAYRE presents, as usual, a good report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews an even score of sister Grand Councils, besides the G. G. C. We regret that he had not heard from Minnesota.

WILLIAM WALLACE McCOLLUM was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion SAYRE Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1884.

Companion DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE presided over the Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, held at San Francisco, April 10th, 1884.

Present, the representatives of eight Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master's address opens as follows :

"COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL :—

"After a year replete with friendly greetings of companions hailing from all parts of the Union to partake of the hospitalities of our Golden State—a year long to be remembered and cherished by us—we are again assembled to enact suitable laws to advance the interests and promote the prosperity of our Subordinate Councils.

"The returns in the hands of the Grand Recorder show an increased activity throughout our jurisdiction. Peace and prosperity prevail, and as time shall obliterate the attempted merging of the Cryptic with the Capitular degrees, a still greater interest will obtain."

And follows with a report of official acts of local interest only.

"Companion HENRY SAYRE ORME, the representative of this Grand Council to the late assembly of the General Grand Council of the United States, made a full and most interesting verbal report of the doings of that General Grand Body. From it the pleasing fact was demonstrated that Cryptic Masonry throughout the United States now rests upon a more permanent basis, and is generally more prosperous and popular than ever before. The thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to the Illustrious Companion."

Companion CASWELL reviews an even score of proceedings, our own for 1883 *not included*. We would like to cull from his reports a few extracts, but there are too many chances, and we wouldn't know where to stop; so will be content with his "conclusion."

"Our task is done. We have selected from the reports of our sister "Grand Councils such items as we believed would be interesting to the "Companions of California, and made such comments upon them as we "deemed pertinent. In surveying the field of Cryptic Masonry, we find "much to encourage and enthuse its votaries, and very little to dishearten. "We mourn the loss of North Carolina, who succumbed to a severe attack "of Mississippi fever; but most of those attacked with it have fully recovered, and are now either in robust health or rapidly convalescing. A "little patience, energy and enthusiasm, and the Cryptic Rite will be all "right."

GEO. ALEX. MCKENZIE, Grand Master.

THOS. H. CASWELL, Recorder.

CANADA, 1883.

We borrow again, as we did last year, this time from Ohio, by which we learn that the Annual Assembly was held at Ottawa, July 12th, 1883.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Master; DANIEL SPRY, Grand Recorder.

Councils represented, fifteen.

The proceedings, as given by Companion WILLIAMS, we copy entire from Ohio for 1884:

The proceedings of 1881-82 and '83 are all in one pamphlet, and that is embellished with a picture of M. . I. . J. ROSS ROBERTSON.

The Grand Master had seen a vein of hopefulness running through the addresses of his predecessors which had not been realized. He preferred frank explanations to rose-colored statements. He admitted that that there was lethargy, but was unable to discover the cause.

We venture to advise him to weed out the Councils which are more dead than alive, and give up the degrees he is trying to carry, which do not belong to him. But he may think of the doctor of whom the story is told that he was called to see a patient who was suffering intense pain, and after giving several ineffectual remedies, suggested that he would give him something which would throw him into fits, when it would be all right, as he was "*death on fits*."

The Grand Master gives some sound advice, and we could copy more, but printing costs money.

The Grand Recorder gave the necessary notice of a motion to strike from the list the degree of the Red Cross—a move in the right direction, we think.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Master; J. G. BURNS, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1884.

Connecticut sends out her 66th greeting to the Craft, in a neat report of over fifty pages, which opens with the proceedings of a special assembly, held at Hartford, May 12th, 1884, at which Grand Master BRYAN presided, with nearly every grand officer present, and representatives from 18 Subordinate Councils; exemplified the R. & S. M. degree upon a duly elected candidate.

On the same day was held the sixty-sixth Annual Assembly, Companion BURTON G. BRYAN, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Nineteen Subordinate Councils represented.

Companion BRYAN presents a well written address, chiefly of local interest; in which he refers to the death of Companion O. J. LEWIS, who bequeathed one-half of his estate, after the death of his widow, to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Deputy Grand Master and G. P. C. of Work, each presented a report, showing a number of visitations, at one of which there were present 122 Companions.

Cryptic Masonry is evidently sound in Connecticut.

An assessment of fifteen cents per capita was made for expenses of the Grand Council.

One charter revoked, and one granted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by our old friend WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, is, as usual, *good*; but we don't exactly understand why our proceedings were not received.

He reviews the proceedings of seventeen of our sisters and the General Grand Council, in which latter review he says:

"The advocates of the General Grand Council all seem to be well satisfied with the result of their labors, and seem very anxious that we all come in and share the blessings which they seem confident will follow. I am a machinist of forty years experience, but I have never discovered that putting more machinery in an establishment would give more power on the engine or water-wheel. Perhaps I may learn how it is done bye-and-bye."

Well, Companion LEE, haven't you discovered in the course of your forty years' experience that where you are running a great number of engines or machines, with their power all applied in the same direction, that uniformity and harmony of action is a "good thing to have in the shop." And while the superintendent cannot compel every machine to work precisely alike, yet there is a sort of confidence inspired by the knowledge that near by is a guiding and directing mind, whose care and solicitude for the interests of the establishment will cause these machines to do more and better work. Not that we of Minnesota, or our companions of Ohio, or New York, do better work than is done in Connect-

icut, but we are satisfied that by having a General Grand Council any differences that may arise, either in the work itself or in the manner of working, may be so easily adjusted and made uniform, that we feel more than repaid for what little trouble we had in effecting that organization.

The G. G. C. was created at an important crisis in Cryptic Masonry, to prevent the disorganization of this branch of the Order, and now may successfully be used for the purpose of furthering the interests of all its members. We believe in General Grand Bodies, and hope to see the G. G. C. exist as long as we, or our children, or our children's children work in the secret vault.

Companion LEE quotes from a letter written by W. B. LANGRIDGE, of Iowa, to our late Grand Master, in which he also asks about this extra wheel business:

"The fact of the whole matter is just this: The wheels themselves do 'very little good unless they are properly connected, and the G. G. C. furnishes not the power but the connections. When we were at school, we read about the bundle of sticks, and the ease with which one of them was broken, and the strength of the whole when taken together."

The story was very well illustrated in Cryptic Masonry, a few years ago, as our Companions will remember.

His closing has such a good masonic sound to it that we must clip it.

"Masonry teaches a broad toleration in politics, religion, and the various subjects upon which men differ. Why can we not have some of 'it in masonry? Why should such epithets as 'conspirators,' 'clandestine,' etc., be applied to men who have given years of loyal and loving service to masonry, because they differ as to the best method of governing the fraternity in its various branches? Questions of government are 'questions of expediency, and not of morals, as I view it. If they are not, our ancestors, who repudiated their allegiance to England, were 'criminals of the deepest dye. A man may be a good citizen and question the wisdom and expediency of our form of government. So, I think, a good Mason may seriously question the wisdom of our so-called American system of masonry. But I must not elaborate. As a Mason, I earnestly hope for the best results out of all this discussion; and, in our zeal for the success of our own ideas, forget not the four cardinal virtues 'which so eminently become our profession as Masons.'"

The proceedings show a membership of 2,260, an addition of 117 during the year.

ALEX. B. SHUMWAY, Grand Master.

JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1884.

The 41st Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Macon, April 30th, 1884.

Grand Master LEWIS presided.

Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is full of hope, and tells of renewed activity in the Order. No decisions.

The address concludes with a report on correspondence, in which the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils are reviewed, our own not included

Illustrious Companion C. F. LEWIS, Grand Master, and Illustrious Companion A. M. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder. Both re-elected.

ILLINOIS, 1883.

We take up this report with great pleasure, and find that the 31st Annual Assembly was held in Chicago, October 24, 1883.

Companion JOHN O'NEILL, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-one Subordinate Councils represented.

Grand Master O'NEILL in his address gives the history of their awakening, after their seven years' sleep, in a very pleasing manner. We quote from his address as follows:

"Permit me to welcome and greet you, on this reunion of what, 'speaking by the calendar, is, or should be, our thirty-first birthday, 'because on the 23d day of November, one month after the Twenty fifth 'Annual Assembly of this Grand Body, which occurred on the 24th day 'of October, 1877, the committees appointed by the Grand Council and 'Grand Chapter did mutually agree by a conjectural virtue of the power 'in them vested, by an equally exceptional constitutional enactment, 'endeavor to legalize the closing of the S. V., and turning over the 'Sacred Treasures to the care and custody of a foreign body, that had 'no interest in their preservation, reserving, however, the right to the 'Grand Council, to meet once a year, if they should think proper, or if 'such a step should be deemed necessary, and elect at such assembly a 'guardian of the S. V., and to look after the Sacred Treasures, and see 'that the trust conferred was faithfully carried out. This precautionary 'reservation by the Grand Council makes this, as mentioned above, our 'Thirty-first Annual Assembly. At the meeting of the Grand Chapter 'and Grand Council, held on the 25th, 26th and 27th days of October, '1882, the Grand Chapter did, by resolution, agree to relinquish the 'trust confided to their keeping, the same to take effect January 1st, 1883; 'and the Grand Council did, on the 27th day of October, 1882, by resolution, agree to resume control of the Sacred Treasures, and open the S. 'V., which had for seven years been closed to Cryptic workmen. What 'prediction does this Divine number Masonic foretell? We hope the 'success of Cryptic Masonry; that it may be beyond the expectation of 'the most sanguine, is our dearest wish.

"For men may come, and men may go,
But it will go on forever."

"The flight of time, how rapid! seven years! and the hour glass of 'time has been turned seven times by the *Old Mower*, since last we met 'to legislate in our own right for the Cryptic Craft. How short? It 'seems but yesterday! Still, what changes have taken place! How rapid

"one follows the other, quick, sudden and transitory, as the Kaleidoscope, but leaving instructive lessons for our consideration, benefit and profit."

Charters were granted for four new Councils.

The Grand Master rendered one decision as follows :

"A Companion R. A. M., who has been duly elected in a regular Council of R. and S. M., but did not receive the degrees before the consolidation of the Council degrees with the Chapter in 1877, but received them under the conjoint union of the two bodies, cannot be a member of the Council that elected him to receive the degrees, until the ballot again be spread for membership, and the applicant duly declared elected."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$253.69.

The report on Correspondence was from the pen of Companion THEODORE T. GURNEY, in which Minnesota receives favorable notice, and in which our excellent predecessor, GROVE B., is credited, or charged (?), with embellishing his report with extracts from Tennyson. Now, we want it distinctly understood that all poetry put in the Minnesota reports is original, and we don't believe that GROVE B. ever consulted Tennyson or Miss Wheeler in regard to this matter of poetry at all. However, we don't want to be responsible for his poetry. So will let it pass, but "don't let it occur again."

We would like to linger yet a little with Illinois, but must pass on.

GEORGE W. CURTIS, of Washington, Grand Master, and Companion GIL W. BARNARD, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1883.

Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly held at Indianapolis, October 16th, 1883.

Companion ALBERT HAYWARD, Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters present, and thirty-seven out of thirty-eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address covers considerable local ground, showing that he has at least done his share of the work.

Dispensation issued for one new Council, and commissions granted to five representatives.

Companion HAYWARD was with us at the first meeting of the General Grand Council at Denver, ably representing his Grand Council.

Finances in good condition, with over one thousand dollars in the treasury.

One hundred and eighty new members for 1883. Total membership, 1693.

A memorial page is set apart to the memory of twenty-three Companions, who died during the year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion AUSTIN, opens with the following—

"This is the field where the gleaners
Have gleaned since the days of yore,
And gleaned after the gleaners,
I may gather one sheaf more.

"And while birds fly southward singing
Of the faded flower and leaf,
I may chant a glad thanksgiving
For another royal sheaf."

He reports on the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including our own for 1882, in which he quotes from Grand Master COOLEY's address quite liberally, and also from his report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his conclusion we clip as follows :

"From what we can glean, we feel that the future outlook for the Royal and Select degrees in this country is cheering; that the apathy felt in late years is dying out; that the Companions are recognizing the claim of Cryptic Masonry to be an independent Body, and that all it needs is a firm reliance on its rights, and a faithful effort upon the part of the Craft to put the Eighth and Ninth degrees again on a solid foundation.

"We much regret that the Craft has not been furnished, by this time, with the proceedings of the General Grand Council at its session in Denver. That Body has become the *base line* for future action, and its deeds should have been made known by this time. Where the delay is we do not know; what they did of vital importance, history has not told. They seem to have met and went. We are reminded of the remark of the preacher at prayer-meeting: 'Brethren, our session this evening will be short, as the Sunday-school exhibition of our church will commence up stairs in a few minutes.'"

The proceedings of the General Grand Council were not issued until after the Grand Council of Indiana held its session, owing to unavoidable delays in procuring returns from some of the constituents, but we hope that every Cryptic Mason has by this time been able to ascertain just what was done at its First Triennial Assembly. The proceedings of the next will probably be issued more promptly, as the machinery by that time will be working more smoothly

Companion LA GRANGE SEVERANCE, Grand Master; Companion JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1883.

The last Assembly of this Grand Council was held October 17, 1883. Companion CHAS. E. DUNN, Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address, which includes the report on Foreign Correspondence, is brief, but good.

Two decisions recorded, as follows:

"If a member dimitts from the Chapter while the Chapter had jurisdiction over the Council Degrees, does it act as a dimit from the Council?"

Grand Master decided that it did not.

Second:

"Will those who have received the R. and S. M. Degrees in the Chapter have to be elected and obligated again before they are considered members of the Council?"

Decision:

"That this Grand Council, at its Assembly in November last, declared those companions who received the Degrees in Councils under the authority of the Chapter to be 'non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters.' 'It is therefore only necessary for them to petition for membership and be elected, to become members of the Council—but not obligated.'"

The Grand Council dues in Kentucky are one dollar for each person admitted to the Degrees and a per capita tax of twenty-five cents.

The Grand Master reviews the proceedings of only six of the Grand Councils and the General Grand Council.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, approved his decisions, and recommended the appointment of Grand Representatives.

Companion CHARLES E. DUNN, Grand Master, and Companion LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, of Covington, Grand Recorder, both re-elected.

1884.

We have not yet received their proceedings for this year, but were favored with a circular printed prior to their annual Assembly, from which we cull the following:

Date of organization, December 10, 1827.

Number of Councils at that time, 6.

Present number of Councils, 11.

Present number of Companions, 468.

Did it ever authorize Councils appurtenant to Chapters? Yes.

When? October, 1878.

Is it so working now? No.

Abandoned "Mississippi plan" November 21, 1882.

No action on ratification of G. G. C.

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, H. B. GRANT.

Masonic Temple, Louisville.

LOUISIANA, 1884.

This Grand Council met in its twenty-ninth Annual Assembly, February 14, 1884, Companion ALFRED SHAW, Grand Master, presiding.

Two Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address says, "I see nothing discouraging in the condition of Cryptic Masonry in Louisiana."

Well, we have seen a good many things discouraging in the condition of the rite in Minnesota, but looking steadily forward to the completion of our work, and straining every nerve to "get there," we have reached the goal of our ambition, and can only say to our Companions of Louisiana, "Keep at work." We have met your best men in Buffalo, Detroit and Denver, and feel that as long as they are left to work with you your interests are safe.

Their treasury is in good condition, but not sufficiently so to enable them to present a full report on Correspondence.

Our old friend PINCKARD, Deputy G. G. M., presents a brief report, and hopes to make a fuller one next year.

Owing to the failure to obtain a quorum, no business was transacted, and the old officers held over.

ALFRED SHAW, Grand Master.

RICH'D LAMBERT, Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1883.

May 2d, 1883, Twenty-ninth Assembly.

ARLINGTON B. MARSTON, Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Subordinate Councils represented.

A brief address, principally of local interest, and no decisions.

Everything harmonious and money in the treasury.

Companion DRUMMOND, one of the Cryptic Master workmen, presents his usually able report on Correspondence, reviewing twenty-seven Grand Councils, including our own for '82. In his review of California, he says:

"If officers of Councils assume that the Rite is in a dormant condi-

"tion, and act upon this assumption, their lack of interest will pervade the whole membership; but if the officers are earnest and hold frequent meetings, members will attend, to ascertain what is going on, and catch the enthusiasm, and in their turn impart it to Royal Arch Masons, who will show their interest by sending in petitions."

We think that if DRUMMOND and OSGOODRY, PINCKARD, SENTER, and a few others, had assumed and acted in that way five or six years ago, Cryptic Masonry would now have been at a very low ebb.

MARQUIS F. KING, Grand Master; IRA BERRY, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN, 1884.

Our neighbor sends us their report for 1884 in its usual good style.

Last Assembly held at Detroit, January 14th, 1884.

Companion GEO. H. GREENE, Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-two Councils represented.

Companion GREENE presents a splendid address, in which he congratulates his Grand Council on its prosperity, and reports having granted dispensation for one new Council.

Under the head of "General Grand Council" he writes as follows:

"GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

"It is well known to you all that in 1880 the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the U. S., was organized in the city of Detroit, and a constitution adopted to become operative whenever nine Grand Councils should ratify and accept the same. Twice that number or more had ratified it prior to its holding its first Triennial Assembly, which was held in the city of Denver in August, 1883, the proceedings of which I have as yet been unable to obtain.

"It is also well known to you that prior to its organization, Cryptic Masonry was fast going into chaos and confusion; quite a number of Grand Councils had already adopted the 'Mississippi plan' and surrendered jurisdiction of these beautiful degrees to a foreign body, which cared little whether it survived or perished.

"I am strongly in the belief that its organization and influence has been the means of staying these ruinous proceedings of *merging*, which, in my opinion, is equivalent to an abandonment. Already quite a number of those Grand Councils which had surrendered their jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of their respective States, have resumed control and are again in good working order, and on a surer foundation than ever before.

"Michigan's Grand Council, in whose jurisdiction this organization was made, has not yet ratified or accepted its constitution, nor in any way become a constituent part thereof. The propriety of doing so was presented to you in a very able manner two years ago in the Grand Master's address, and also in the report of a committee appointed to consider the matter and make recommendations. Permit me here to quote a few lines from the report of this committee. In speaking of the dogma of merging or closing the Secret Vault, it says:

“Our jurisdiction has not been troubled with any dogmas or issues upon this subject. The true light of Cryptic Masonry has burned brightly upon our altars, and the workmen in the Secret Vault have worked their regular hours unmolested and undisturbed. ‘Peace has been within our walls and prosperity within our palaces.’ But not so with many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions. The sound of the working tools has been unheard; the Bible has been closed upon the altar; the lights extinguished in the temple, and sleepers found at their posts. Shall we permit this state of things to exist, or will we cast our influence in favor of order, God’s first law, and assist in bringing order out of chaos and confusion; to re-light the extinguished tapers, and restore Masonic peace, happiness and prosperity among the workmen in the Ninth Arch? Your committee agree with the M. I. Grand Master, and are of the opinion that this Grand Body should become a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and submit this resolution:

“Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, hereby ratifies and accepts the constitution of the General Grand Council; and the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to notify the General Grand Recorder of our action in the premises.”

“This resolution was laid over one year, and to be submitted to the Subordinate Councils for their action, and at our last Annual Assembly it was found that not a sufficient number of Councils had acted on it to warrant our taking any action and it was again laid over until this Assembly. It will doubtless come before you at this session for adoption or rejection, and from what I have been able to learn of the results of its organization, the order which is coming out of confusion, I can most heartily recommend its adoption.”

The Grand Recorder reports in connection with the above, as follows:

“On the 1st of December last I issued a circular to the T. I. Masters of each Subordinate Council, calling their attention to the resolution of this Grand Council proceedings of 1882, page 32), in relation to the acceptance and ratification of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, requesting them to report the action of their Council; from which I have received eleven reports—nine in favor, two against.”

The matter coming up before the Grand Council, was disposed of as follows:

“GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

“On motion of P. M. I. G. M. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY, the resolution submitted by the committee at the annual Assembly, 1882 (see proceedings 1882, page 32, and proceedings 1883, page 22), to ratify and accept the Constitution of the General Grand Council, was taken from the table, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.”

That settles Michigan for the present, so far as the General Grand Council is concerned. Detroit was the birthplace of the G. G. C., and if we could have foreseen this, we would have had the child born at home. But the Detroit Companions treated us royally in 1880, and we can only think of them in the most fraternal manner.

An incident occurred there at that time which, for its novelty, requires notice. An exemplification of the work was had at their hall, in which the entire work was done by Grand Masters of the different States.

Send out some more circulars, Companions of Michigan, and get a full expression from your Subordinate Councils, so as to be ready to meet with us in Washington in 1886.

One new charter granted.

A feeling obituary and a memorial page are inserted in memory of Past Grand Master MORTIMER MANSFIELD, who died December 20, 1883.

Companion GARVA B. NOBLE presents one of his usually good reports on Correspondence, reviewing 21 Grand Councils, including our own for 1883. Under the head of California for 1883 he quotes from the Grand Master's address as follows:

"The question has been mooted whether it is better for us to take passage on the vessel called the "I-Am-That-I-Am," or continue on the "Alpha and Omega," the one that has carried most of us since our birth. I say, by all means do not desert our ship. Stick to her as long as she will float. She will weather the storm and will bring us all safely to port. After she arrives, place her on the "Drummond Dock," give her such overhauling as may be required, fit her ready for sea, and I will venture to say we will have plenty of applicants that will be desirous to embark with us to Joppa. Let us by all means pursue an independent course. We have had experience enough to map out our own chart and steer by it, and employ such skillful pilots as will guide us safely to port. By so doing we will not only have passengers for the coast of Joppa, but also those valiant Knights who are desirous of landing at the Island of Malta. I think I utter the sentiment of this Grand Body when I say that we should present to our Cryptic Companions who will be with us during the coming Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, a crew of select workmen from our subordinate Councils that will convince them that we mean business, and that our intentions are to arouse from our slumbers and work diligently, and endeavor hereafter to keep pace with the balance of our fellow workmen."

Companion NOBLE kindly gives us a short notice, in which, speaking of Past Grand Master Cooley's report, he says, "He gives us a *wrap* for crediting "George" as Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Council of Minnesota, when it should have been "Grove." Don't lay it to the printer. "I acknowledge the corn; will make it correct hereafter."

Being the masonic heir of the late Grove B., we are entitled to the *wrap*. Send it back.

Garra B. The cold weather is coming on, and we need it here.

Not having any late news from North Carolina, we take the liberty of clipping from Michigan's pages the following history of the e-merging'-cy business of our fraters in the former State:

The Committee appointed at the last annual Assembly to confer with the Grand Chapter on merging, reported that the committee had failed to agree upon any definite arrangement. The Grand Council then ordered that the Grand Chapter be requested to receive under its jurisdiction the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, upon such terms as may be agreed upon. In the face of all this action, the Grand Council, looking to a

continued organization in the event of a failure to effect terms of consolidation, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, and a resolution was adopted, that should the Grand Council hold its annual Assembly for the year 1884, Elizabeth City be designated as the place for such Assembly.

May 30, 1883, the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council met and agreed upon the following transfer, which we give in full:

ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF COUNCIL DEGREES TO THE
JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

To all Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters in the State of North Carolina:

The joint committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, at their recent annual Convocation and Assembly in the city of Raleigh, to determine an arrangement for the transfer of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, report the following as terms of transfer, which are in effect from the date hereto affixed:

1st. Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters shall cease to exist as such, and their members shall become members of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction they reside.

2d. The charters, records, seals, and other property of the several subordinate Councils, shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council for preservation, except such paraphernalia as may be necessary for conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, which shall be transferred to the Chapter within whose jurisdiction each Council existed. The same disposition shall be made of the funds of the several Councils not necessary to pay their existing debts. Annual dues now owing to the Grand Council shall be paid to the Grand Recorder and accounted for by him as formerly.

3d. The Degrees of Royal and Select Master shall be conferred after the Degree of Most Excellent Master and before that of Royal Arch, and such part of the ceremony of either of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master as may be inconsistent with this arrangement shall be eliminated, and the work adopted by the Grand Council is hereby modified to that extent.

4th. All Royal Arch Masons who have not received the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, who are members in good standing at this date, of their respective Chapters, shall receive the same without charge. If, however, there should not be in any Chapter a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters to confer said degrees, a Grand Lecturer or some other competent Companion shall, by request of the High Priest of the Chapter, confer or communicate them upon, or to, any number assembled in a duly constituted Royal Arch Chapter. After the Chapter shall have become qualified to confer said degrees, in no case shall they be communicated, but shall be conferred according to the work of the Grand Council.

5th. The Grand Chapter is hereby requested to amend its Constitution so as to constitute the permanent members of the Grand Council permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

6th. A copy of this arrangement, certified by the Grand Secretary

of the Grand Chapter, shall be transmitted to each Chapter as an edict, which will be its sufficient authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto affixed our official signatures, this 30th day of May, 1883, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder hath attested the same.

For the Grand Chapter:

EUGENE GRIS, OM, Grand High Priest.
 GEORGE W. BLOUNT, Dep. Grand High Priest.
 ISAAC PATTERSON, Grand King,
 JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Scribe.

For the Grand Council:

JACOB I. MACKS, Grand Master.
 JAMES SOUTHGATE, Deputy Grand Master.
 BERNICE WALKER, Grand Prin. Con. of the Work.

[L. s.]

Attest:

DONALD W. BAIN

Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder.

So the Grand Council of North Carolina has merged, or she thinks she has, but don't really know. Well, try it, and if it does not work to her liking she can back out and try it again. She started out in 1822 and 1823, ceased to exist (went to sleep), roused up in 1860, re-organized, but failed to hold its annual Assembly until 1866; and from that time has sustained a regular existence. We hope she may see the error of her ways, reconsider her action and again open the door of the S. V., and set the Craft at work.

In closing he indicates a good condition of the Order, and gives a good word for the G. G. C. as follows:

"COMPANIONS--In reviewing the proceedings received, we find a generally healthy reaction in the Cryptic Rite throughout the whole country; and as we said last year, we still believe the organization of the G. G. Council has placed Cryptic Masonry upon a solid footing. The statistics given all tend to show an advance in membership, and a disposition to place the Rite equal to Capitular or Chivalric Masonry."

So much for Michigan. We have given more room to this State than we expected, but there are so many good things in Companion NOBLE's report that we would like to steal the whole business.

JAMES H. CUMMINS, Grand Master.

GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1883.

Annual Assembly held in New York City, September 11th, 1884.

JOHN J. MARTIN, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-five Subordinate Councils represented.

This jurisdiction has always favored the Craft with an excellent yearly address, and this year is no exception.

Two decisions rendered:

1st. "It is irregular to propose or ballot for a candidate at a Special Assembly."

And,

2d. "While I hold that definite suspension does not exonerate a member from payment of dues, yet it seems to me that in a case where suspension was indefinite, dues should not accrue during such suspension."

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom the above decisions were referred, sustained the first decision, but intimated that the latter might be affected by the By-Laws of the Subordinate Council. This leads us to a consideration of the difference between definite and indefinite suspension.

In the case of a definite suspension, it might be for a month or a year, or for so short a time that the Craft at large could have no knowledge of the action until the Companion should be restored to good standing; and so, might be a matter in which, generally speaking, only the Council itself would be interested, and the Companion would be restored by lapse of the term of suspension without any action of the Council.

This, then, would be only a matter of discipline. And it would be contrary to the principles of justice to reward an unlawful act with the remission of customary dues. But in the case of indefinite suspension, second only to expulsion, no prospect is held out that, at any future time the Companion can be restored, and it would not be just to receive from him dues for which he does not, nor can ever expect to receive a return.

We believe the decisions are both good Masonic law.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by G. FRED WILTSIE, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, our own for 1881 among the number, in which he quotes liberally from Grand Master COOLEY's address and his report on Correspondence.

In taking up this report we expected to hear from General Grand Master OSGOODBY, but were disappointed. He, however, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and will no doubt let us hear from him in that way.

We regret to learn of the death of Companion R. H. BROWN, member of the Grand Council of New York, who died August 15th, 1883.

THOS. GLIDDON, Grand Master.

GEO. VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1884,

Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly, held September 16th and 17th, 1884.

Companion LEVI C. GOODALE, Grand Master.

The proceedings open with a fine portrait of Past Grand Master GOODALE.

Forty-nine Councils represented.

The address of Grand Master GOODALE commences with the following quotation from Shakspeare:

"I have a notion which imports much good,
Whereto if you'll a willing ear incline,
What's mine is your's and what's your's is mine."

Having the authority therefor, we therefore proceed to clip and quote.

Ten minutes later.

We have concluded to republish the address entire.

"Illustrious Companions—In obedience to the demands of the trust
"you so kindly placed in my hands at our last Annual Convocation, I here-
"with submit a summary of my official acts."

Fifteen minutes later.

That little word "trust" has spoiled one of the finest portions of our report.

Grand Master says, "Don't go in debt!"

Treasurer says, "Go easy, George!" and we find in the bright lexicon of Cryptic Masonry no such word as "trust", in the sense by which we apply it; so we will be content with clipping a few choice buds.

"Of all the Councils in the State but five stood still."

Ohio has fifty-two subordinates.

"At your last convocation you passed a resolution having in view
"the formation of a 'General Grand Council,' which business has laid over
"until this session. In introducing the subject again to you, I do so with
"some misgivings as to the propriety of saying anything further to you
"upon the subject; but if I tax your patience, my earnest desire for the
"recognition of Cryptic Masonry must be my excuse.

"While calling attention to this proposed union, I am well aware
"that Ohio is so thrifty that she does not require any outside assistance;
"but does not the very fact of our own independence place us under obli-
"gation to join our fortunes with others less happily situated, and by united
"action endeavor to elevate the Cryptic Rite throughout the world?"

"During the year, the question of securing the recognition of Templar
"Masons has been brought before me. I certainly desire to obtain for
"Cryptic Masonry the position to which it is entitled by birthright and
"tradition, and will do all I can to promote any legitimate undertaking
"looking to its early recognition; but I think the better plan for Councils
"to pursue to secure this recognition is to be living bodies; then Templars
"will gladly seek their companionship, as Cryptic Masonry is to obtain its
"proper place by absorption, and not by conquest.

"If Councils are officered by go-easy Companions who have neither time nor inclination to interest its members or widen its field of usefulness, no matter how good men or Masons those officers may be, the Councils will not thrive, and you can rest assured Templar Masons, having neither opportunity extended nor incentive given them to learn the beautiful lessons of the Cryptic Rite, will never join the Council.

"On the other hand, make the Councils live ones; man them by electing energetic officers who will not neglect any opportunity to teach Masons; and sooner or later the Cryptic Rite will have absorbed the Templar, and made them advocates for its recognition. This work is not difficult, nor the time to accomplish it long. Look well to whom you put into official position, and the realization is near.

"At a number of templar gatherings during the year, the Grand Council has been invited through its Representative to a seat of honor, and has been accorded recognition and fellowship.

VISITATION.

"After the assignments of districts to the various Companions selected to assist me. I received a line from one of those Companions asking what plan should be observed in conducting visitation? To which I replied: 'I think one of the great results to be obtained will be the opportunity the Grand Council will have of comparing the several modes of treatment which will necessarily be the result of the several Division Masters. The *éclat* and life which you will instill into these Councils, compared relatively with that of others similarly situated, will give Grand Councils the benefit of your experience and skill.' And in this manner visitation has been made, each officer being permitted to use his own plan in working up his division. I have requested each one of my assistants to render to you his report, which he undoubtedly is prepared to do. My own plan for visitation has been to meet each Council separately, and, upon the first visitation, insist upon its officers conducting the work; after which, if desired by the Council, to visit it again, and personally participate in the work."

And then the Grand Master reports having visited a great number of the Councils, assisting in conferring the degrees and enjoying the hospitalities of his Companions. A "goodale" of work, but he finds his reward in the knowledge that his Companions and brethren delight to honor the man who knows his office and faithfully does his whole duty. In his closing he shows why Ohio stands near the front:

"Throughout the State, the Cryptic Fraternity have, as a rule, earnestly labored for its advancement, and many have been the courtesies and expressions of interest which have met me in every locality that I have visited.

"Through the providence of God, the efforts of our membership, and the self-sacrificing co-operation of my officers, much good work has been done, and the year closes with abundant mercies to be thankful for.

"In surrendering to you the trust you placed in my hands, permit me to thank you for your earnest assistance and charitable forbearance.

"There is much to be done at this Convocation. Let us trust that what is done will redound to the glory of the Grand Council of Ohio, and the good of Cryptic Masonry everywhere.

"Fraternally yours,

LEVI C. GOODALE,

"M. Ill. G. M."

The following was submitted by Companion ACKLIN, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

"There is in this Grand Council jurisdiction a Companion who received the Council degrees from a Chapter in Texas. He holds a dimit therefrom, and wishes to know what course to pursue to attain Council membership in Ohio."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the above, and other matters, as follows :

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as relates to the formation of a 'General Grand Council,' consolidation of Councils, and Decisions, and also the matter of persons receiving the Council Degrees from Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, submitted by Companion GRAFF ACKLIN, have carefully considered the same and respectfully report as follows :

"We recommend the adoption of the amendment of Section 3, Article I, of the Constitution, as recommended by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence at the last Assembly of this Grand Council, so that said Section and Article will read as follows :

"The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Subordinate Councils in this State, subject, however, to the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws, and decisions of the General Grand Council of the United States, to which it is Grand Council is subordinate, and shall be invested with power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle all controversies that may arise between them. It shall also have the power to grant Charters constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Ohio, to each of which shall be affixed the seal of the Grand Council, and the signature of the Grand or Deputy Grand Master, and Recorder."

"We recommend that the obligation of the officers of Subordinate Councils in the ceremonies of constituting and dedicating Councils and installing officers be amended to read as follows :

"I, A. B., do solemnly promise that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected in this Council; and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the By-Laws of this Council; that I will support and maintain the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council, under which the same is holden, together with the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the General Grand Council of the United States, so far as they may come to my knowledge."

"And we further recommend that the Declaration of Constitution of the Grand Master in constituting and dedicating Councils be amended by adding after the word 'act' the words 'together with the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the General Grand Council of the United States.'

"We submit for your consideration, and recommend the adoption, of the following resolution, viz. :

"Resolved, That two or more Councils may consolidate whenever two-thirds of the members present of each Council vote for such consolidation at a stated Assembly called for that purpose. Sixty days notice of such proposed consolidation, the time the same will be acted upon, together with a copy of this regulation, shall be given to each member, or mailed to him at his last known place of residence. In case Councils are so consolidated, the books, papers and property of each Council shall be turned over to and become the property of the consolidated Council, and the members of each Council in good standing shall be members of the consolidated Council. Whenever Councils desire to be consolidated, the vote of each Council upon such proposition shall be

"certified to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, who shall declare the result; and such consolidated Council shall take the number of Council having the oldest Charter, and such name as the members of such consolidated Council may select, and the officers of such oldest Council shall be the officers of the consolidated Council until the next annual election.

"DECISIONS.

"Your committee recommend that the decisions made by the Most Illustrious Grand Master be approved.

"In reference to the following question, submitted by Companion ACKLIN, viz.:

"There is in this Grand Council jurisdiction a Companion who received the Council degrees from a Chapter in Texas. He holds a dimit therefrom, and wishes to know what course to pursue to attain Council membership in Ohio—"

"Your committee are of the opinion that whenever a Council is satisfied that a petitioner for membership has received the Council degrees in a legal manner, and holds a dimit showing him to have been in good standing in the body having jurisdiction over the Council degrees of which he was last a member, and by ballot is found worthy, he is entitled to admission into a Council in Ohio.

"Respectfully submitted,

"DAVID TARBELL,
"S. L. GRIGSPY,
"J. KELLY O'NEALL.

"A portion of it adopted leaves open the matter as to General Grand Council, which was taken up.

"After a full and fair discussion, the question being upon adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, a standing vote was taken, and Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Council of Ohio, was amended accordingly. Ayes, 24; nays, 2. Grand Recorder to communicate the action to the General Grand Council."

Companion WILLIAMS again places the Craft under great obligations by an extended review of twenty-five Grand Councils, our own for 1883 included.

Under the head of Minnesota, he says:

"It is so kind in Companion CHENEY to place the names of Grand Representatives present in a convenient place. That is correct. Companion CHENEY; they are Representatives, or else they *are not*. If they *are* Representatives, their names should appear as such."

We read an article once in regard to the "Blicke item" by Mark Twain, and having consulted Companion CHENEY in regard to the above, we "concluded to endeavor to induce" Companion WILLIAMS to tell us what it means.

Somewhat similar was our experience a few years ago when a certain R. R. magnate instructed our superior officer to send an engineer somewhere for some purpose not very clearly set forth. Armed with a letter of introduction from our S. O. to the R. R. M., we sought him in his lair, and in his presence first read the letter of introduction. It concluded

as follows: "Please furnish Mr. C. with a translation of your instructions." To be brief, Companion WILLIAMS, we don't see the point.

The report closes as follows:

"Companion STATON, of Kentucky, wrote Companion COOLEY that 'it was doubtful about the Grand Council of Kentucky joining the General Grand Council. COOLEY says 'he do n't care a cent whether it does or not. * * * We are not *individually* in favor of these General Grand bodies. In truth, we believe the actual injury they do far surpasses the good results that follow. While we mean to be loyal and filial and truly devoted to the best interests of the Royal Art and to our superiors, we cannot see any good to follow from so much dress parade, 'fuss and feathers,' show, gaudy trappings, *muchee marchee*, *muchee foolee*, *muchee eatee*, *muchee drinkee*, as is seen in some of our General Grand performances. The principle 's *allee rightee*, but the 'practice nothing good *allee samee*."

"Be careful. COOLEY; you may upset something. He could n't let Kentucky go without a poem too long to quote."

A number of reports from District visitors closes this interesting volume and makes us long for "a thousand a year" to pay for printing.

Companion D. P. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand Master.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1884.

Thirty-fourth Assembly held January 28, 1884.

Grand Master WM. S. MATTHEWS presiding.

Nine Councils represented.

We offer no apologies, even to our Treasurer, for quoting from Grand Master MATTHEWS' address:

"*Companions of the Grand Council:*

"It is a source of thanks and congratulations that our circle and numbers are complete and we are permitted to greet again in our Royal Crypt, to consider the welfare and prosperity of Royal and Select Masonry. •

"Nearly twenty-nine centuries since, three Masons, each Illustrious, formed a secret compact in a sunless crypt arched in by solid stone, then deposited upon the foundation stone of Truth the ark with the Law, the heavenly manna that fell as dew, and the budding root of promise; treasures destined to influence mankind to the remotest times. These Founders and their acts stand in bold outline upon the roll of immortality, for the name of Solomon is synonymous for wisdom, and his sayings are the intellectual treasures of the world. Hiram, the architect, the personification of integrity; he lived not for himself alone, but for all who should come after him. His noble testimony to the truth sealed with his blood has enrolled his name with earth's most hallowed names—King Hiram, the pillar of strength and friendship! It was by his skill and energy that Tyre arose in grandeur, resting one foot upon the sea and the other on the land. Her arms and fleets sailed far beyond the

"blue Mediterranean, past the pillars of Hercules, even beyond lost Atlantis. Greece was not thought of; Homer had not sung; Rome was unknown; Cyrus nor Alexander had flashed their victorious swords over the nations.

"Our Mystic Art first quarried on the Nile and blossomed into beauty and works of art that have defied both time and man, as witness the Pyramids; then advanced along the Tyrian coast, through Gebal, and was crowned on gray old Moriah, and wet with the dews of Zion.

"It was at the Temple that events, incidents and truths occurred that have *crystalized* into the present degrees. Masonry's forms and traditions are of human origin, but her genius, doctrines and principles are divine. Therefore it is not strange that we should revert continuously to the Temple and its Crypt, for it was the grandest thought of God ever wrought out by human hands. From there issued the mandate to travel into foreign countries, and dispense masonic light and knowledge. With the book of the Law for its guide, Truth for its motto, Masonry has left its chisel marks indelibly indented upon every land where civilization extends. It has survived temples, empires, names and deeds thought to be immortal, that have shone in the meridian dawn, and which, with wars and woes, have all been thrown into the chambers of the forgotten, wrapped with the mantle of oblivion and covered with the dust of ages. Egyptian, Assyrian, Greek and Roman have plundered and gathered tribute in the *cradle* of our art, and each in turn has been plundered; and all have returned to the dust whence they came. Masonry is the offspring of Truth, that which survives through centuries, and overcomes the hostile intellect of generations. It has within it more than the authenticity of vitality. It has kept pace with the marching millions upon billions that have journeyed in joy and in sorrow out of *"mystery into mystery."*

"The founder of arts and sciences, the protector of the widow and orphan, the progress of intellect, was its progress. Thus, we see what operative and speculative Masonry was; for this we have given a retrospect of the past and gathered the thoughts of many. Should they inspire a purer thought or higher aim we are content.

"Although speculative Masonry has virtually given up architecture and is no longer the patron of the arts, her mission is the same as in the past, to teach her votaries, by traditions, allegories and secret rites, sublime Truths. Her work is the laudable object of doing good, teaching justice, mercy and fidelity to the right.

"When we look back to the origin of this rite, particularly the name, *Royal and Select Masters*, we find it composed of the three rulers and higher architects, strictly exclusive, limited in number, with a definite purpose for those only who could comprehend its beauty and utility, meeting in a place especially prepared and adapted to carry out the design. Has our Grand Council kept up the original purpose in every respect? Are they not responsible for much of the indifference and meager attention paid to the Annual Assemblies? Is it of much benefit to the Representatives, many from a long distance, to merely hear an address, a few reports, a session of a few hours? Is there a place fitted up especially with every requisite to carry out, illustrate the work, make it simple and intelligible, yet so beautiful that those who witness it will love it and seek it as the eye seeks *light* and the ear drinks in music? Is there a Representative within the sound of my voice who can truly say

"that he has ever seen a true representation of a crypt? Too much is left to the imagination and to the ritual, and most of the candidates have a very misty idea of the work and its purpose. We are required to meet in Nashville, in a Temple, with ample room. The oldest, largest, best-working (with what they have), and zealous Council is located here. Why can not some arrangement be made to fit up a crypt in this building? Your Representatives come for light and instruction, as our ancient companions went up annually to the Temple at Jerusalem. Do this, and your Representatives will return home determined to emulate, and to revive their Councils. But I do not think they will be able to carry out all of this at the present price for the degrees—\$10, or \$3.33½ each. Is it any wonder that the mass of Masons place a low estimate on these degrees that are thus cheapened? And as long as this Grand Council sets the minimum low, the Councils will follow it. If the price is low for the benefit of the poor, why charge anything?"

One charter declared forfeited.

The following comes from their Committee on Jurisprudence:

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, appointed at the last Annual Assembly, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"The Committee to whom certain questions were referred at last Annual Assembly report as follows:

"Question: A B receives the degrees in a Council in Tennessee, then demits, removes to Mississippi and becomes a member of a Council which is subsequently merged into the Chapter:

"1. Can he now visit a Council holding allegiance to the General Grand Council?

"We answer: No.

"2. Can he become a member of a Council holding allegiance to the General Grand Council?

"We answer: Yes, upon proper petition.

"3. Must he be healed?

"We answer: Yes.

"B. R. HARRIS,
"E. EDMUNDSON,
"BRADFORD NICHOL."

We take exception to the third answer.

Why should he be healed if he received the degrees in a due and lawful manner? If he became a member of a Chapter, or of a Council merged with a Chapter, then he should be disciplined, not healed; but if he becomes a member of that Council before it merges, he either becomes a party to the merging, in which case he should be disciplined, or he becomes by withdrawal a non-affiliate, in which case he is entitled to honorable affiliation.

No report on Correspondence.

PITKIN C. WRIGHT, Grand Master.

JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1884.

Thirty-first Annual Assembly held June 10th, 1884.

FRANK H. BASCOM, Grand Master, presiding.

Seventeen Councils represented.

The address refers to many matters of local interest and the General Grand Council.

Grand Master recommends an increase of \$5.00 in the tax on Subordinate Councils to meet the expenses of the Grand Council, which recommendation did not meet with the approval of the committee in that form, who recommended a per capita tax of ten cents instead.

No report on Correspondence.

W. H. S. WHITCOMB, Grand Master.

WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

An apology is due to some of the Grand Councils for not noticing their proceedings. Owing to a similarity of names, many reports were sent to GROVE B. COOLEY. After his death but few of them were to be obtained until it was too late to procure new copies. It is hoped, however, if the work of the committee meets with the approval of our Grand Council, that a better report will be offered next year.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. COOLEY,
For the Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, M. I. G. M.	-	-	Red Wing.
D. B. SMITH, R. I. D. G. M.	-	-	Austin.
J. H. LAVAQUE, R. I. G. P. C. of A. W.	-	-	Duluth.
G. W. MERRILL, R. I. G. Treasurer,	-	-	St. Paul.
WM. CHENEY, R. I. G. Recorder,	-	-	Minneapolis.
A. Z. LEVERING, G. C. of G.	-	-	Minneapolis.
JOHN R. CAREY, G. C. of C.	-	-	Duluth.
JACOB BREYER, Grand Marshal,	-	-	Minneapolis.
CHARLES D. BOYCE, Grand Chaplain,	-	-	Minneapolis.
HENRY L. SIMONS, Grand Steward,	-	-	St. Paul.
J. C. FISHER, Grand Sentinel,	-	-	St. Paul.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the city of St. Paul, commencing on the 12th day of October, 1885, at 4 o'clock P. M.



